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JUNIORS TO GO TO WRAN

BY BRAD EARL

JUNIOR soccer in New South Wales needs more government assistance or else it could be strangled by other sports.

That's the opinion of Ian Holmes, president of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

Holmes will approach NSW Premier Neville Wran on behalf of the state's junior players.

"We get \$4,000 for 90,000 players," Holmes said.

He said soccer must take steps now to keep pace with rugby league, Australian rules and basketball in NSW.

Through the Department of Sport and Recreation's sports development assistance scheme,

the NSW Government provides money to assist state sporting associations.

This money is provided in the form of grants to assist state bodies with the staging of state and national championships and travelling required to attend championships in other states, and for the employment of officers such as director of coaching, executive officer and administrative assistant.

Holmes called for the national and state senior soccer bodies to address what he sees as a serious issue threatening the

future of the game.

"Probably one of the major problems we have not addressed is the structure of soccer from national level through to the juniors," Holmes said.

"One million dollars for a stadium is all very good, but I wonder what they're going to do about the 90,000 kids we're not getting sufficient funds for."

Holmes will advise the Premier that the

Queensland government provides assistance for the employment of the state director of coaching, five coaching directors in regional centres and an administrative secretary.

Queensland Soccer Federation secretary Alan Vessey said his state's government provides substantial support for soccer.

"The Queensland government provides up to \$200 per week for each of the seven

full-time positions," Vessey explained.

Holmes believes the first priority is the employment of an executive director, followed by a country development officer and a schools officer.

"We must plan forward to the year 2000," he concluded.



IAN HOLMES



NSL CUP ROUND-UP: P2, 3, 4

All the NSL Cup action around the nation

FIRST GOAL IN DAVID JONES' LOCKER!

Cardiff.....0
Newcastle.....1

DAVID JONES was last man signed but first to get his name on the scoresheet as Newcastle defeated Cardiff 1-0 in their first round NSL Cup clash at Adamstown on Saturday night.

Jones, who came to terms only last week, struck a 39th minute piledriver from 30 metres to deny Cardiff's hopes of an upset.

The Northern NSW champions were without leading scorer Brett Fawkes, an off-season signing by Newcastle, but still stretched the Cup holders in most areas.

Inspired by the gutsy goalkeeping of Brad Robb and a defence well-marshalled by Andy Stankovic, Cardiff kept the issue open right until the dying minutes.

BY NEIL JAMESON

Newcastle were well served by Jones who, with better finishing, might easily have had a hat-trick, and young midfielder Bernard Kerby.

Despite Newcastle's industry, the game could easily have gone into extra time after Tony Robb in the 62nd minute and Stankovic in the 68th failed by millimetres to put Cardiff on equal terms.

An interested spectator was Rosebud midfielder John McQuarrie, who is expected to be out of action for up to a month after suffering head and facial injuries in a mid-week car accident.

While the display showed Newcastle have plenty of room for improvement, it suggested Cardiff will be well worth watching in their Northern title defence.

Man of the match: although playing against non-League teams often brings out the worst in NSL players, right-back **RALPH MAIER** underlined his professionalism with a mature, near-faultless performance.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, Kerby, Senkalski, D. Jones, Milosevic (Robertson 59), Fawkes, McClelland.

CARDIFF: B. Robb, Maher, Lee, R. Endacott, Stankovic, G. Maher, Mansley, Haynes, A. Robb, Tate, Rowney.

REFEREE: J. Reeves.
CROWD: 1,000.

SOPER ON SONG

Syd Olympic.....2 Penrith.....1

SYDNEY OLYMPIC's 1985 campaign got off to comfortable start when they downed Penrith 2-1 in the NSL Cup at St George Stadium yesterday.

The scoreline flattened Penrith and had Olympic been able to finish off the marvellous work of star striker Marshall

Soper, the scoreline would have been tripled.

Soper, who came to terms with Olympic last week, was in great form and tore the Penrith defence into ribbons.

He helped himself to Olympic's opening

goal in the 35th minute with the other coming from Alex Lampropoulos in the

BY TOM ANDERSON

51st minute, with Jeff Ainsworth on target for Penrith in the 79th minute.

With the game well in hand, Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer replaced Soper after 60 minutes as the big striker was short of a run.

However on yesterday's performance, 60 minutes of Marshall Soper is worth 90 minutes of most players here in Australia.

With last season's regulars Graham Jennings and Mark Kousas (both injured) and Mike Coady and Martyn Rogers (back in England) all missing from the Olympic line-up, there was a big question mark over the team.

Perhaps that's why a seller of worry beads moved amongst the Olympic supporters.

It looked ominous when some of the supporters began to buy the vendor's wares!

But they should have had faith in coach Manfred Schaefer and his boys, who soon dispelled all doubts and the team looked quite good this early in the season.

It was great to see Olympic skipper Peter Raskopoulos back in action after his tragic leg break against PSV Eindhoven on the Socceroo tour in December.

"Rasko" came through his comeback in magnificent style and what is even more gratifying he had no after effects of his run which augurs well for Olympic and Australia.

The only blot on a very entertaining afternoon's fare was the injury to Penrith's young star Randall Easthorpe who was rushed to hospital with a suspected punctured lung after breaking a rib.

Penrith were by no means disgraced and Willie Wallace's lads will spring a few surprises by the time the 1985 season has finished.

But the afternoon belonged to Soper and Olympic who once again, like last season, were excellent value for money.

Man of the match: **MARSHALL SOPER**, who constantly troubled the Penrith defence until he ran out of steam in the second half.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Johnston, Dakos, Lampropoulos, Svinos; Phillips, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper (Patalis 60), Theodorakopoulos, Kalantzis.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, McIntosh, Ainsworth, Cross; Toohey, Nix, Campbell (Lowe 45); Hunter, Easthorpe (Shute 79), Carboni.

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 3,450.

Easthorpe Cleared

RANDELL EASTHORPE, Penrith City's tall, teenage central striker, was diagnosed as suffering no fractures after being rushed to St George Hospital yesterday.

Easthorpe was injured in the NSL Cup match against Sydney Olympic at the St George Stadium.

Late last night, X-rays showed the player suffered severe bruising in the chest area with no internal damage.

LUCKY LIONS

Bris Lions.....1 Ipswich.....0

BRISBANE LIONS scored a comfortable 2-0 win over Queensland Premier League side Ipswich United, but failed to impress in their opening Cup-tie.

Lions were held scoreless for 61 minutes and were lucky not to be two down after nearly conceding goals early in the second half.

While the score in the end was satisfactory, Lions performance was not and the talented young side, which stormed into the semi-finals last season, failed to show any of the determination or brilliance of 1984.

BY GREG RUSSELL

Coach Gordon Arrowsmith admitted he was "concerned" over his side's recent lethargic showings but blamed the poor quality of opposition for Lions slow start to the season.

A cleverly-placed header from Joe Cairney and a fine volley from substitute Clark Anderson gave Lions a second round match. Ipswich's best chances were an Alan Marszalek cross two minutes after half time and a Brett Kitching near miss.

Man of the match: **ALAN HUNTER**, who showed great skill for a big man and supported the attack as well as carrying out his defensive duties.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Vasquez, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Ogden, McGregor (Anderson 73), Cairney, McDonagh.

IPSWICH UNITED: McClure, Barnard, Coleman, Warren, Graham, McKeand, Gibb, Kitching, Millman, Lawrie (K. Gordon 82), Beckwith (Marszalek 45).

REFEREE: A. Kibbler.
CROWD: 1,237.



CHRIS KALANTZIS, Sydney Olympic's Young Socceroo attacker, is tackled by Penrith City sweeper Jeff Ainsworth in yesterday's NSL Cup match at St George Stadium.

KOSSIE HITS HIS CENTURY

Sydney City.....3 St George.....0

JOHN KOSMINA, Sydney City's Australian World Cup captain, scored a hat-trick to sink St George in Round 1 of the NSL Cup 3-0 at Wentworth Park.

The three goals lifted Kosmina's tally in the NSL to 102.

Kosmina plus two speedy wingers Grant Lee and Frank Farina make the Slickers look favourites to take the NSL championship once again.

Sydney City were a class above St George as City's midfield of Watson, Kay and Barnes outplayed Saints' Ricoy, Koczka and Barton.

As early as the fourth minute, Sydney City threatened the St George goal when Watson knocked the ball to Farina, who flicked-on to Lee.

From only five metres Lee first-timed a shot which was superbly blocked by Terry Greedy.

A sharp attempted header by St George's central striker Roy Cotton was well saved by Todd Clarke a minute before half-time; seconds later at the other end, Kosmina headed in a well placed Jean-Paul de Marigny corner.

This goal brought up Kosmina's century in the NSL.

In the 49th minute, City was awarded a penalty by referee Tim Davies for a foul on

Lee. Kosmina gave Australia's goalkeeper Terry Greedy no hope to save.

In the 59th minute, Kosmina completed his hat-trick with another header, meeting a neat cross from De Marigny.

Sydney City looked all class on the day, as Kay called the shots from central midfield, whilst Lee and Farina constantly switched flanks, dragging defenders left and right.

After the match, a happy Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, stated: "We went well and Kosmina looks hungry. John is willing to go in where the action is and is quite prepared to pick up a knock or two to get that goal."

Meanwhile, a somewhat dejected St George coach, Frank Arok, said: "Kosmina was given too much space. Two of his goals were headers which is not a big credit for our defence."

Man of the match: Sydney City's **PAUL KAY**, who directed attacks intelligently, feeding his flankmen with perfect timing, as well as tackling solidly.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Cant, Gomez, Robertson, de Marigny; Watson, Kay, Barnes; Farina (Fletcher 81), Kosmina, Lee.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M. O'Shea, Ratcliffe, J. O'Shea; Ricoy, Koczka (Stone 64), Barton (Marton 64); Slater, Cotton, Petkovski.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 250.

All the NSL Cup action around the nation

WOLVES BITE — AT LAST

Wollongong.....3 Syd Croatia.....2

A VASTLY improved Wollongong City had to survive a second half fight back by Croatia before winning their NSL Cup game 3-2 at Wollongong Showground.

The Wollongong side provided their long-suffering supporters with a mixture of determination and lethal finishing to be 3-0 at half-time.

Wingers Bernie Godzik and Dominic Giannone kept pressure on the Croatia defence and Godzik had a hand in the first two goals before scoring the third himself.

It was a Godzik cross which allowed Giannone to open the score after 27 minutes and before Croatia had time to recover, Phil Kerr made it 2-0.

Godzik took a free-kick on the right and with the Croatia defence standing flat-footed Kerr hit the ball on the turn to place it out of the reach of goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Before half-time Godzik received a short free-kick from Zivko Hristovski and hammered a gem of a shot past Woodhouse from 20 metres.

At the break, Wollongong were in full control but live-wire Croatia striker Jim Patikas brought them back to earth when he scored after 63 minutes.

This seemed the signal for Croatia to push forward and they were rewarded with a second goal when Bruno Vidaic netted with a diving header from a Wally Savor corner.

Despite the fact Croatia looked more impressive in the second half Wollongong kept creating chances and could easily have increased their advantage.

The home team showed a lot more cohesion than last season and will certainly cause their share of problems to the big guns when the league starts.

The game provided more goalmouth incidents than any seen on the ground last season and Wollongong coach Adrian Alston said he was confident of a big season.

Man of the match: PETER WILLIS, the driving force for Wollongong at the back. He defended well and was an obvious encouragement to the younger players in the side.

'ROWDIE' MAKES A COMEBACK

Blacktown2 Apia L'hardt.....3

THE 1981 Australian Youth team captain Ian Rowden returned to the game after a two-year absence to team up with Berti Mariani in Leichhardt's central defence in their 3-2 extra-time win over Blacktown City at the Gabbie Stadium.

Afterwards Rowden admitted that he was short of puff, yet he came through extra-time far fitter than many others who have worked at it for nearly two months.

And Rowden, a fine defensive header of the ball, only began training on Wednesday night!

Both teams were in difficulties for central defenders. Mariani had only just arrived from Marconi and Blacktown still had Cliff Pointer, Chris Dunleavy and Paul Daley on the injured list.

Leichhardt did so well in leading 2-0 at half-time that they appeared to be home and hosed.

But Demons' coach Casey de Bruin put paid to their dominance after duly noting that Apia central midfielder Arno Bertogna was doing the damage by getting in behind Ricky Hormazabal.

On came Brett Thornthwaite with his work-rate and first-class passing, which helped his side to reach even terms by the 85th minute.

It has to be allowed that Blacktown created far more chances than Leichhardt and O'Connor, Larkin and particularly Bradley missed from some gilt-edged positions.

But for Leichhardt the first half record was two chances and two goals. Caban opened with an incisive shot from a Bertogna pass and

BY KEITH GILMOUR

by the 29th minute right winger Vince Caligiuri scored after Robert de Ceglie crossed and a Caban shot had been blocked.

Blacktown really began to buzz in the second half. Rod Skellern slung a cross from the right: O'Connor accepted a pass and looked to get rid of the ball.

To his surprise he was not challenged, so he found room to knock the ball in.

Carlo Spina cleared off the line and then Barry Hoare fed Caban by mistake but managed to block the free shot from Caban with his leg.

Thornthwaite and O'Connor helped Larkin and the rangy striker headed in.

Then it came to extra-time and Tony Genovese broke through, Hoare blocked and Caban moved in to score again and take Leichhardt to the next round.

Man of the match: KERRY CABAN from a close bunch. He scored twice and what he had to do was done well without the support that he will hope to have later in the season.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Mariani, Rowden, Butler, Bertogna, de Ceglie (Cassachia 80), Caligiuri (Genovese 67), Caban, Morsello.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Skellern, Shaw (Knight 73), Rasmussen, Wheatley, Selvage, Bourke, Hormazabal (Thornthwaite 45), Bradley, Larkin, O'Connor.

REFEREE: R. Davies.

CROWD: 752.



IAN ROWDEN



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MENGOTTI'S DAY AT MARCONI

Marconi.....0
Brisbane City ...1

FRANK MENGOTTI was given the all-important central midfield position in the Brisbane City team for yesterday's match against Marconi at Marconi Stadium.

And Mengotti filled the spot vacated by long-serving Frank Pimblett with remarkable ease, as well as scoring the goal that gave the Queenslanders a 1-0 win.

The 22-year-old is in his second season with the National League club, and last year, made only limited appearances as a striker.

"I prefer playing in midfield, where I can run with the ball and take players on," Mengotti said.

The slim-built player was just one of a number of youngsters coach Tony Lowndes used in the Brisbane City line-up.

Lowndes put the win down to "good team effort" and certainly a greater sense of commitment in Brisbane City's play was evident.

The first half was disappointing, with few goal attempts, but the match livened up in the second period.

BY BRAD EARL

In the 67th minute Rod Brown broke through the Brisbane defence and was steadying himself for a shot, but City keeper Kim Wishart was down at his feet quickly to charge the ball away.

Lowndes labelled that as "the turning point" of the match.

Brisbane City's winner came in the 76th minute from a free-kick taken near halfway.

The ball was won in the air by tall central striker Randy Bramwell and then flicked on by Peter Carey to Mengotti, who volleyed straight and hard inside the post from 15 metres.

Unfortunately, Mengotti was not formed to their advantage. A bright spot for coach Tony Lowndes was Peter Tredinnick, who made his debut for the Brisbane City side from Apia Leichhardt.

"Tredinnick's attitude is what we need," Scheffer said. "He hates losing." Scheffer said we had 11 like him.

Man of the match: Tredinnick stood out with his style, topping it off to win the Cup-tie.

MARCONI: James; Calderan; Driene, Mascherano (Lowe 61), Brown, Jankovic, Wilkinson, Miloski (Robinson 76), Mengotti, Bramwell, Glockner.
REFEREE: K. Small.
CROWD: 576.

SMITH KNOCKS OUT SOUTHS

Preston.....1 Sth Melbourne..0

PRESTON eliminated last year's champions South Melbourne in the opening round of the 1985 NSL Cup with a slender 1-0 win at Melbourne's Connor Reserve.

A goal by Preston's latest recruit Steve Smith in the 57th minute of the action-packed encounter, added to the problems South Melbourne have been facing since the beginning of the season.

Early in the off-season Preston coach Bill Murray was somewhat worried about the shortage of players available for the season.

His committee, however, recruited some talented players who increased the strength of the side and gave Preston tremendous fighting ability.

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

Since the beginning of the game Preston appeared determined to win a berth in the second round of the NSL Cup and they made certain of that with a spirited display in both halves of the game.

In spite of the scoring opportunities created in the opening half the home side failed to find the net. They came close to scoring on a number of occasions but poor finishing prevented them from going to the lead before the break.

Smith, however, found the gap in South Melbourne's defence in the 57th minute to convert with a spectacular close range shot after a cross by team-mate Gary Cole.

Cole collected a crossfield pass from Lane, burst forward and from the touchline turned the ball to Smith whose first time shot planted



□ CON OPASINAS

the ball in the net.

South Melbourne fielded all of their stars including Oscar Crino who missed most of the preparation of the side due to injury and financial disputes with his club.

Man of the match: Preston's brilliant defender **CON OPASINAS**, who defended brilliantly and prompted a lot of attacks throughout the game.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Haze, Dunn, Dobson, Illioski, Flavell, Spink, Cole, Smith, Lane.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Murphy, Crino, Holford, McDowell, Brown, Egan.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 6,398.

THIS WAS HOUDINI

Canberra City...3 R'dale Ilinden

HOUDINI himself would have approved of Canberra in the Cup opener against Rockdale Ilinden but have recommended their style.

Canberra won but not after, trailing 0-2 with scarcely two minutes remaining.

After 50 minutes Kenny Slavski's corner found Geoff Wilson's head as the defender rose above the pack in the goal mouth to nod the ball home.

Rockdale became more fluent and on the hour its 2-0 lead looked like a winning break.

Canberra chased hard but seemed unlikely to penetrate despite several corners. Then in the 88th minute Steve Bryant lifted a free-kick from 35 metres onto the head of Jim Harkins at the far post for the game's third headed goal.

A minute later tragedy struck for Rockdale when Ross Brown lunged at the ball in a crowded area and saw it bounce off his chest into his own net. Tom Sermanni should have won the game for Canberra with the last kick of normal time but he hit the ball straight to the keeper.

The inevitable happened in the 22nd minute of extra-time when

BY KEN HEALEY

Sermanni lobbed keeper Nick Kotzohamvos for the winner.

Man of the match: Rockdale striker **JIM RISTEVSKI** was always a danger in front of goal and never gave up.

NEW B RUN R

Inter Monaro.....9 W

NSL newcomer Inter Monaro second half over ACT West Woden Juventus in Cup tie.

West Woden had the better of the first half territorially and were unlucky not to go in all square when Michael Hocking looked as though he moved early in saving a spot kick in the 42nd minute.

The mercurial Baz Giampaolo had opened the scoring for Monaro

Footscray.....1
Green Gully.....3

George Cross...5
Juve Pioneer1

Heidelberg.....1
Morwell.....0

Brunswick J.....0
Melb Croatia.....2

Adel Croatia.....1
Adelaide City....0

Birkalla.....0
West Adelaide..5

10-MAN GULLY HOME

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BERGERS SCRAPE THROUGH

CROATIA RECOVER FOR WIN

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WEST AD CHARGE

UP-AND-COMING Green Gully easily accounted for a weak Footscray with an impressive 3-1 win.

Green Gully were reduced to 10 men after 30 minutes when referee Jim Fokinos sent off Stuart Cannell.

Undeterred by the

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS thrashed Juventus Pioneer with a prolific 5-1 win.

Richardson put George Cross into the lead after 17 minutes and an own goal by Cochran enhanced their lead three minutes later.

HEIDELBERG UNITED continued their winning streak with a narrow 1-0 win over State League side Morwell Falcons at Olympic Village.

Stuart Stevenson scored Heidelberg's winning goal, tapping in to the net a low cross by

MELBOURNE CROATIA recovered from their mid-week thrashing by Heidelberg United in the Buffalo Cup final to defeat Brunswick Juventus 2-0 at Olympic Park.

A goal by Josip Biscic and an own goal by

It was a disaster day for Adelaide City whose fans had visions, and rightly so, of seeing their team career through the NSL Cup to at least reach the semis.

But it was not to be as SA State League champions Croatia turned on a hustling game after containing the NSL team in the first 20 minutes.

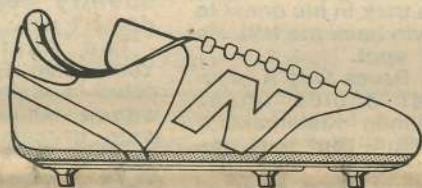
WEST ADELAIDE charged through with a 5-0 win over 1984 State League runners-up Birkalla at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West got it all together after Birkalla had "given" them a goal. Theo Stamatopoulos collected a lay-off from Gary Price in the 38th minute to

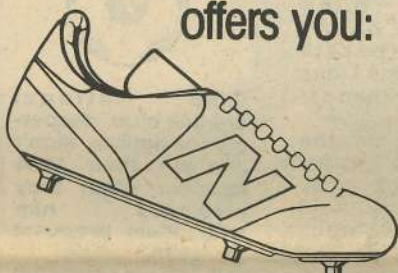
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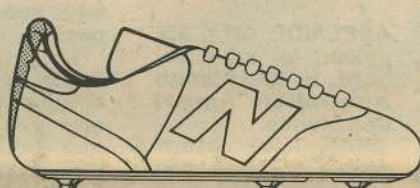
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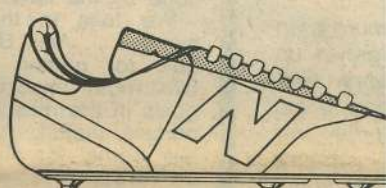
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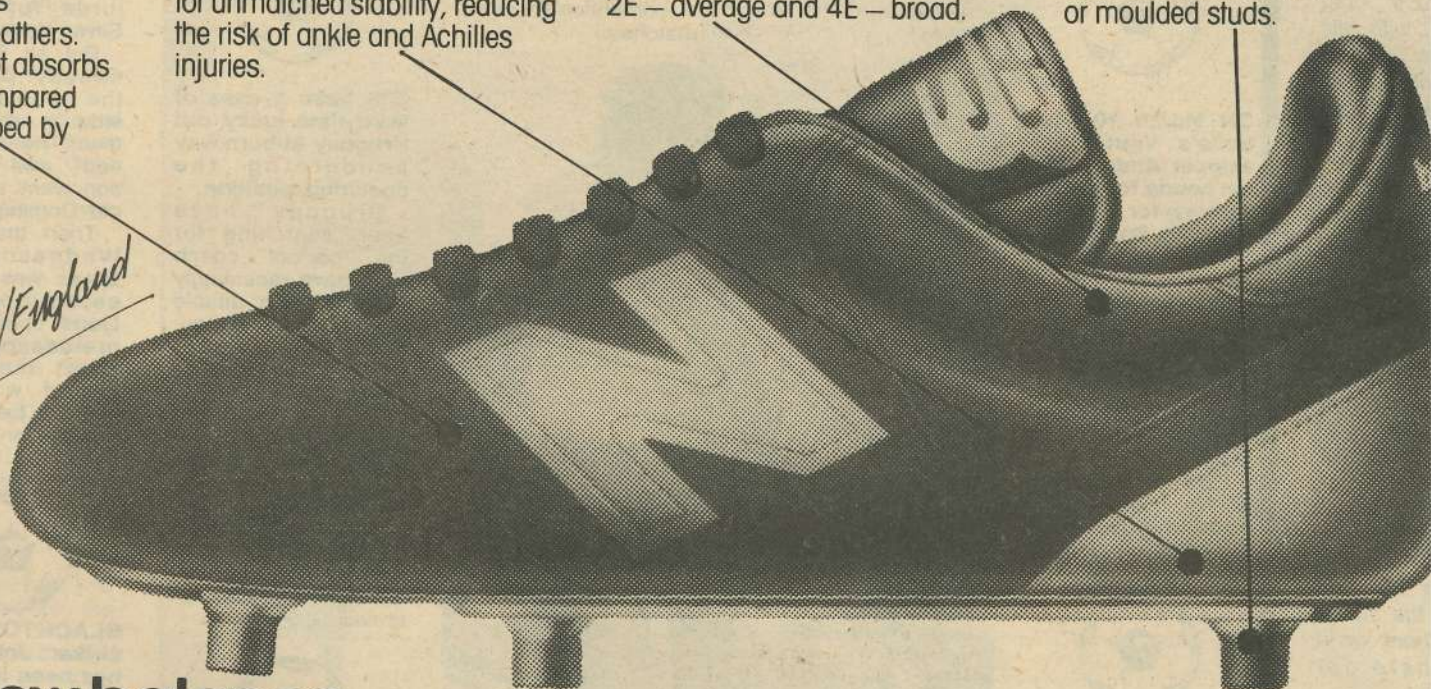
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EDITORIAL

TAKE CARE, CHRIS

CHRIS KALANTZIS has received the hero treatment following his fine performances in the World Youth Championship Oceania qualifying series.

The youngster hit the headlines with his destructive attacking style on the left side of Sydney Olympic's forward-line, which led to him quite correctly being regarded as a key man in Australia's WYC campaign.

And now the call is out for senior national team boss Frank Ark to recruit Kalantzis for Australia's World Cup matches which start in September.

Kalantzis is a throw-back to the old-style winger, a player who can beat an opponent with ease and hit a pin-point cross to the centre.

But he is more than that. Having grown up in an era when wingers have become too extravagant in the eyes of many coaches, he has learnt to get into the penalty area and score goals.

His exploits for Olympic and the Young Socceroos have made him the latest pin-up boy of Sydney's Greek supporters.

Yet Kalantzis must learn to cope with this adulation if he is to go on with the job, for, as in any walk of life, there will be disappointments ahead.

He need look no further than to one of his Sydney Olympic team-mates.

Mark Koussas' story began with a dramatic rise to fame during the 1981 World Youth Championship: a tale of a Golden Boot and Gerd Muller comparisons.

After hitting such heights Koussas fell back to earth, like Icarus when he flew too close to the sun.

Perhaps there is a warning there for Chris Kalantzis.

However, with the right approach, he definitely has the potential to establish himself as one of the best, as well as one of the most popular, footballers in Australia.



CHIT CHAT

LEMAIR did a great job presenting a "man of the match" prize to Australia's top performer in each of the World Youth Championship matches.

The prizes were all useful and valuable products from the Lemair range.

But if a similar tournament crops up in future — with individual awards — the method of voting will have to be changed.

The rule that no player could win more than one prize ruled out the best players towards the end.

And in the fifth match against Israel, the judges were at a loss to find anyone worthy of the award.

Chit-Chat wonders which of the Youth Socceroos would have been named "Man of the series" if voting had been done by the fans.

We toss in three names ... Alex Bundalo for getting the two most important goals in the most important match, Andrew Bernal for sheer consistency, and Chris Kalantzis for revealing a touch of magic in most of the matches.

Kalantzis was the eventual winner of the handsome TV set.



ON March 10, Australia's Youth team skipper Andrew Bernal heads for Europe to play for Sporting Gijon in Spain.

When we wished him luck and said we hoped he didn't stay overseas, Andrew replied immediately: "I hope I do."

Clearly, he is a young man who knows what he wants from life.

He'll be a big loss to the code in Australia if he does make the grade in Spain.



BRISBANE LIONS have been unsuccessful in a bid to sign Tony Redmond from Canberra.

Redmond, the brother of Lions striker Phil, wants to come to Brisbane. But Lions have offered only \$2,000 and Canberra want \$5,000.

Redmond intends to appeal against the fee.

GOALKEEPER Willie McNally has made peace with Adelaide City and has signed a new contract for 1985.

Youngster Marco Cicchianti has been in goal for the Ampol Cup night series while City negotiated with Leichhardt's Bobby Parks.

The latter is expected to still join City, but it will not be until April.

That's when he will move back to South Australia in his job with Telecom.

Parks had hoped to be transferred in time for the start of the NSL winter season, but offered to fly to Adelaide or Melbourne for Adcity's matches.



ADELAIDE CITY are poised to set a record in the South Australian Ampol Cup series.

They have already scored 14 goals and conceded only two in three games to reach the semi-finals, and if their scoring rate holds they could become the highest scorers ever in the competition.

And the gratifying feature for coach Edmund Kreft is that not all the goals are coming from the one player.



□ ANDREW BERNAL (No 4) in action for Australia's Youth team.

ONE of the biggest disappointments of the World Youth Championship Oceania series was the facilities for the press.

For the last game of the series between Israel and Australia, a correspondent from Tel Aviv was forced to watch the game outside the pressbox.

Earlier in the tournament Fijian journalists were forced to catch taxis into the city to file copy as the one phone provided for general use in the pressbox was busy.



FORMER Young Socceroo Danny Wright could be back in the Brisbane Lions team sooner than expected.

Wright is in the middle of his apprenticeship block study and can only train one night a week with Lions. On that basis coach Gordon Arrowsmith said he could not be considered for the team to play in the XXXX pre-season tournament.

But Wright has been training by himself at every spare moment and Arrowsmith said this week the striker was back in contention for NSL matches.



NEXT Sunday should be a very big day for Apia Leichhardt.

Coinciding with their first NSL match of the new season, Apia will play on the revamped Lambert Park for the first time.

About \$350,000 has been spent on the old ground to make it a home fit for a good football team.

Work is still going on to complete the project but general manager Archie Blue said: "It looks as if everything should be right for our match against Wollongong."



ONE National League club, desperate for dollars, didn't impress their 1984 sponsor when they presented him with their proposal for 1985.

It seems the club wanted well in excess of \$100,000 for the season from the sponsor.

Needless to say their shirt-fronts are still empty.



IT'S been a case of third time lucky out Uruguay Auburn way concerning the coaching position.

Uruguay have been searching for the "perfect" coach and have seemingly found him in affable and talented Argentine Raul Carrizo, who will serve as player-coach.

This appointment finally ends all the guess work over who would actually control the Auburn side.

The two previous candidates, both named Rodriguez, did not meet with approval.



NEWLY-SIGNED winger Dominic Gianonne is proving a big hit with Wollongong City supporters.

Signed from Marconi, Gianonne is adding plenty of penetration to the Wolves attack out wide — something they lacked last season.



BRISBANE LIONS keeper Brett Beves seemingly can't take a trick in his quest to win back the NSL No 1 spot.

Beves was a regular choice under Simon Kistemaker's reign, but lost his place last year when Harry Noon imported Wayne Evans from Sydney.

Beves, who went on loan to Acacia Ridge, returned to Richlands this year and worked his way into the reserve team. He was set to make his NSL return when Evans was injured for a Lions Silver Boot match.

But as Beves had already played for the club's reserve side in the tournament, he was "cup-tied" and the position went to 16-year-old Dominic Tonel.

Then the following Wednesday when Beves was in line for selection for the Lions' opening XXXX pre-season tournament match, the round was postponed because of Queensland's power strike!



BLACKTOWN CITY striker John Larkin has been in fine pre-season goalscoring touch.

Larkin scored both Blacktown goals in the 2-1 Ampol Cup win over Penrith City.

Demons supporters hope the youngster can maintain this type of form throughout the season, and he couldn't ask for better service with players like Phil O'Connor and John Bradley alongside him.

□ SIMON BRANDT

PLAYING for your country certainly doesn't pay.

The Australian Youth team didn't receive a daily allowance while they were in camp and during the actual WYC qualifying series.

Only the players with full-time jobs will gain reimbursement for lost wages.

One Youth player wasn't too worried.

As he said: "I wouldn't have been disappointed if we would have been allowed out after we won the series."

Apparently the players weren't allowed to leave their hotel or make outside calls after their captivating 3-2 win over Israel.



FERENC PUSKAS, the Hungarian soccer immortal, will be a special guest of St George Budapest this month.

A dinner will be held in his honour at the Saints' social club in the Sydney suburb of Mortdale.

Puskas will play for St George in an "old boys" match between St George and Pan Hellenic as a curtain-raiser to the Saints - Sydney Olympic match on March 17.

Tickets for the dinner are now on sale and our readers can dine with Puskas by ringing Ms Faye Noyes at the St George club on 579 6843 or 579 6977.

'AUSTRALIAN TEAM COMES FIRST'



Frank Farina's big decision

SHOULD a young player sign for a professional English club or put his country first?

That's the question that faced Sydney City's Frank Farina during the off-season.

Farina declined to sign for Second Division promotion hunters, Portsmouth in the hope of securing a first team place with the Socceroos.

The 20-year-old recently returned from a two-month stint with Portsmouth, but due to bad weather played only three games.

"The weather ruined everything," Farina said.

"It's great concentrating on soccer full-time and although I only had a chance to play three games it was a good experience."

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

Portsmouth manager, former England international Alan Ball, was impressed with the youngster's limited appearances and has invited him back next season.

Farina hasn't any aspirations to return at the end of the Australian domestic season.

"My main priority is to make the Australian team for the World Cup elimination matches later this season," the former Canberra Arrows star said.

"Australia comes first. I've played for Australia at World Youth Cup level and now I want to repeat this feat with the senior side.

"I can always go back and trial with Portsmouth again."

While most players would give anything to join a professional English club, Farina wasn't over-enthused.

"Sure it was great, but I didn't go over the moon about it" he said.

"In one game in the reserves we played against a Tottenham team that boasted such stars as Garth Crooks, Glen Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles and Mike Hazard.

"It's part and parcel of the game over there."

It's been a meteoric rise to the top for Farina.

After a stint with the Institute of Sport in 1983, he was selected in the Australia Youth team and scored Australia's equalising goal in the first match of the World Youth finals against Mexico.

"The atmosphere was unbelievable," he said.

"One minute your playing in front of small crowds in Australia then your playing in front of a crowd of about 100,000."

Impressive

Last season Farina impressed soccer followers with his electric performances in the World Soccer Series.

His skills and speed provided the Socceroos with an important element in their attacking armour.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson was also very impressed and towards the end of the season signed him for a meagre \$8,000.

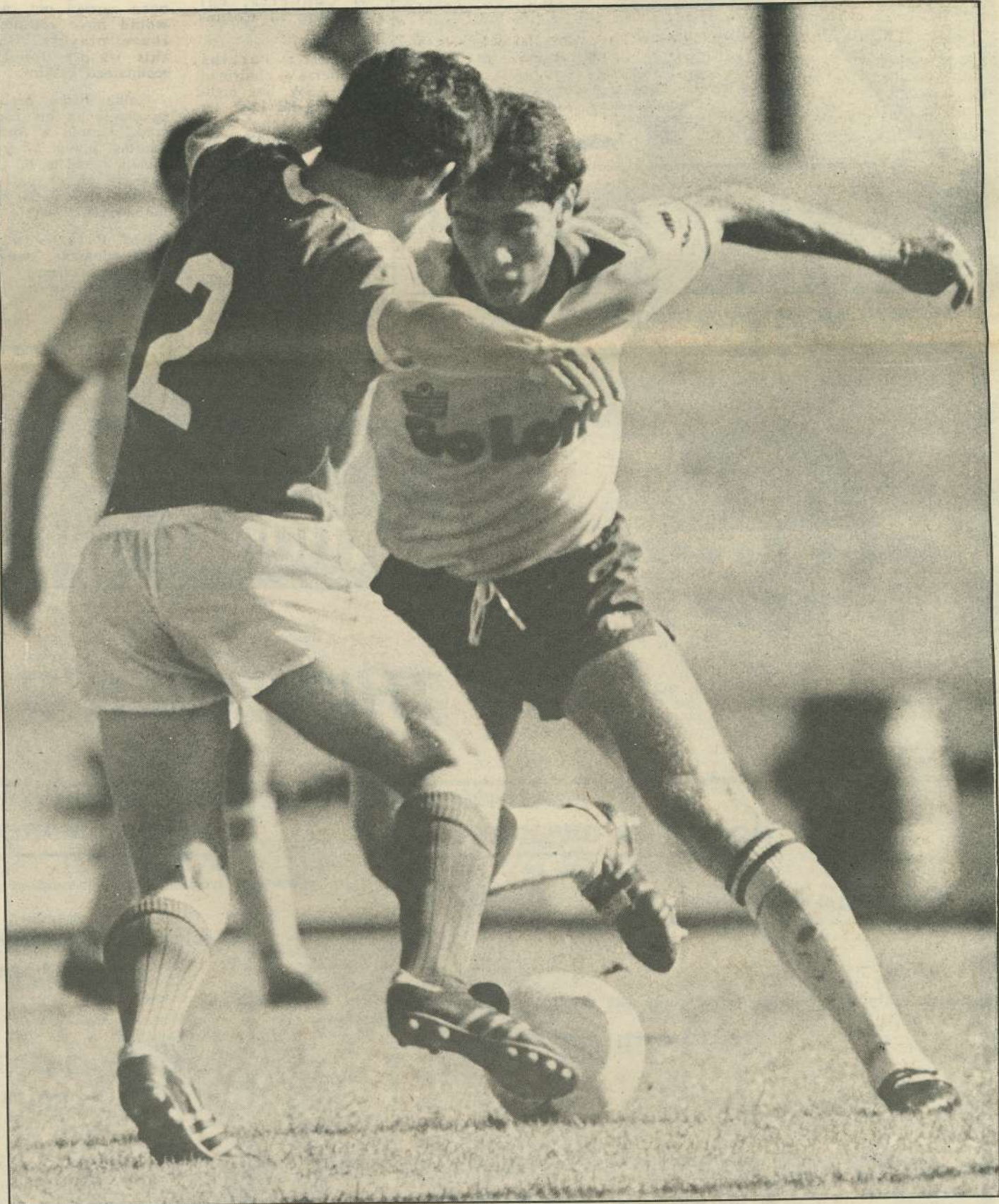
Sydney City's signing of Farina could prove to be one of the most fruitful in the history of the National League.

The likely front-line of former Australian Youth player, Grant Lee, Australian captain John Kosmina and Farina may be the deadliest in the NSL.

Farina was strongly criticised for joining the Slickers.

"Personally, it was a good move for me," Farina said.

"I've joined a good club. I don't mean Canberra wasn't a good club but I think my move to Sydney City and to Sydney will better my career."



"I think it will better my chances of playing for Australia.

"Don't forget it will be of great benefit playing with a few of my Socceroo team-mates at City," Farina added.

Farina's move to Sydney has cost him his livelihood. The youngster has suffered the

same fate of many aspiring young players — unemployment.

"I hope I can get a job soon which involves sport promotions and sales," Farina said.

Frank Farina's desire to play for his country may prove to be a better decision than joining Portsmouth. Nothing in soccer is more important than playing in a World Cup series.

□ **FRANK FARINA on the attack, faced by St George full-back David Skeen.**



□ JOE CAIRNEY (left) towers over Wollongong City's David Green.

CAIRNEY IN DISPUTE

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS striker Joe Cairney is in dispute with the club and is unlikely to be selected until he signs a new contract.

Cairney was left out of the Lions side which played in the XXXX pre-season tournament last week as he was the only player not to agree to terms for the 1985 season.

And the former Kilmarnock striker has been linked in a possible move to Canberra City Olympians.

Cairney, a visa player applying for permanent residency, came to Lions on a free transfer from

City last year.

After a far from successful career at Spencer Park, which saw him score only five goals in two seasons, Cairney was an instant hit at Richlands and became the spearhead of the NSL team attack.

He finished the year with 10 goals.

"We are not keen to lose Joe, but we have told everyone that wages have to be cut this year. We cannot make exceptions," a Lions official said.

"I think things will be worked out with Joe in time for this weekend's opening NSL fixture."

COLLINS LEAVES CANBERRA CITY

DOUG COLLINS and Canberra City Olympians parted company late last week before the competition has even started.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Trouble was brewing over the last few months between the coach and the Board of Canberra, culminating in Collins' sacking.

Charlie Perkins, Canberra's chairman, told ASW last night: "We should have terminated Doug's contract six months ago when the team wasn't going too well. At one stage, we lost six consecutive matches, yet we stuck by him although he wasn't suitable to our club."

"We lost star players such as Frank Farina and George Christopoulos that

we could ill-afford, and I believe had the correct negotiations been carried out, we would have retained these players. But this wasn't done," maintained Perkins.

Collins had a penalty clause in his contract, stating a three months' notice of termination had to be given by either party. Collins now is claiming severance pay.

But Perkins was most adamant, denying Collins' claims:

"We believe he is not entitled to this money, as there have been breaches, but

we will negotiate something. The club is prepared to fight Collins on his claims."

Collins was sent to England by Canberra City Olympians in the off-season to sign up players, but came back empty handed.

Last night, a Canberra official contacted a 23-year-old British striker, Tommy English, and it is expected the striker will arrive in Australia this Wednesday. English is a former Coventry City player.

Meanwhile, outstanding young prospect Manis Lamond



□ DOUG COLLINS arrives back this week from Papua New Guinea to re-join Canberra Olympians.



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THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

NORTHERN DIVISION

SATURDAY MARCH 9:

SYDNEY CITY v BLACKTOWN CITY
Wentworth Park 3pm

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD U v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
Adamstown Oval 7pm

SUNDAY MARCH 10:

APIA LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG CITY
Lambert Park 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v MARCONI FAIRFIELD
King Tomislav Park 3pm

PENRITH CITY v ST GEORGE
Cook Park 3pm

PAUL JONES FOLLOWS IN FRANKEN'S FOOTSTEPS

IT'S difficult to follow in the footsteps of successful people.

Particularly so in sport where comparisons are automatic, even if not intended.

But that's the situation 18-year-old Australian Institute of Sport goalkeeper Paul Jones finds himself in as he takes stock after establishing himself as our number one Youth goalkeeper in the recent World Youth Championship.

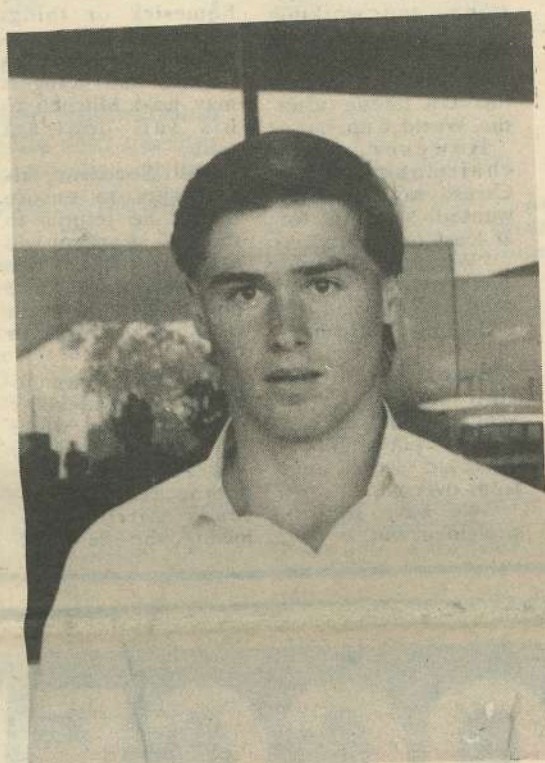
Jones, of course, is following in the footsteps, or should we say goalkeeping gloves of former AIS, Young Soccerroo and now Canberra City Olympians and senior Soccerroo squad goalkeeper Anthony Franken.

A comparison of the two would be unfair to young Jones at this stage of his career, but the Young Soccerroo goalkeeper has much in common with his predecessor.

Like Franken, Jones hails from Western Australia and also like Franken played for the various WA rep teams, then the AIS and now the Young Soccerroos.

Like Franken too, Jones is personable, communicative, intelligent and an outstanding goalkeeping talent.

It was not always



soccer, though, for Jones since the time he first started playing as an eight-year-old for Coburn in Perth.

"I played Australian rules, rugby and soccer at the one time," says Jones of his early days.

"I chose goalkeeping because I liked catching the ball and also because I was a bit slack as a kid I took the easy way out as I thought goalkeeping was easy —

today I know differently."

But by the time young Jones made his WA State League debut for Forestville as a 15-year-old, it was obvious he was going to make soccer his sole sporting career.

From Forestville he won a spot in the AIS in Canberra with whom he travelled to Holland and West Germany last year.

This was followed by selection in the Under 23 national

□ PAUL JONES (left) has taken over as Australian Youth team goalkeeper from Anthony Franken, who is pictured above in action for Australia 'B' against Nottingham Forest last year.



THE JOHNNY WARREN PAGE

team to defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore last year and more recently of course the WYC elimination games in Sydney last month.

The somewhat meteoric rise of Franken has no doubt been an inspiration to Jones.

"Anthony trains the AIS goalkeepers twice a week in Canberra and we are really lucky to have him training us.

"Where Anthony is

so great is that he can show us the various technical skills and demonstrate them in such a manner that you say to yourself, 'if he can make it look so easy I must be able to do it'."

AIS and Young Soccerroo Coach Jimmy Shoulder rates Jones highly, saying his exceptional hands, agility and anticipation make him a goalkeeper with a big future.

Shoulder tempers

these thoughts with the observation that Jones needs to believe in himself a lot more.

Jones agrees.

"Confidence is all about experience — the more experience the greater the confidence.

"In the Merlion Cup I lacked confidence but the experience gained there enabled me to be more confident for the recent WYC games.

"I was reasonably pleased with my game in that series — of the four goals I conceded two came from penalties, one from a dead-ball free-kick which went in off the post and the fourth, against Israel, was an unstoppable shot."

Jones, like most of his Young Soccerroo team-mates, has had to shelve plans for a career outside of football.

He travels to Europe with the AIS again this year as well as to Mexico with the Young Soccerroos for the Havelange tournament.

Plus of course the World Youth Championship Finals in the Soviet Union later this year.

"We've proved we are among the best 16 nations at Youth level in the world, now we have to prove we are among the best of those 16 and that is going to take all of my attention and efforts in 1985," is the way Jones sums up his immediate plans.

Along the way, though, one hopes Jones can emulate the deeds of Anthony Franken.

That's a pretty daunting task but one gets the feeling Jones will join his current coach in playing at the highest of levels in Australian soccer.

Readers Forum

STOP SOCCER'S ETHNIC BIAS

WE would like to stress a point to the readers of SOCCER WEEKLY. Recently players have left from their teams which have been supported by their ethnic group and have transferred to other teams.

With this, trouble has occurred as some supporters believe that players should stay with a team with their nationality.

Soccer is improving in Australia all the time and we think that the readers will agree with us that if players do stay with a team just because of their nationality, soon soccer will

become a game between ethnic groups and not between teams. It will put prejudice and bias into soccer.

If this does occur, it will be a major step back for soccer in Australia.

We hope that everyone who reads this letter agrees with us and sees that such people should change

their views or get out of soccer altogether, as soccer doesn't need people like them. Two Disappointed Supporters.

□ ASW welcomes readers' letters. Always include your name and address, although pen names will be used if requested.



□ PAUL DALEY

VEST'S ERROR

I WOULD like to correct a couple of errors in the article by Alan Vest 12/2/85.

HE states two members of the 1983 squad have gone on to full national honours but in fact three have. He forgot Frank Farina.

Also in his list of players who have gone on to play NSL he leaves out Paul Daley and Steve Glockner and includes two players who did not go to Mexico.

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RICHARDS STARTS INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE AGAIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

RAY RICHARDS, the former Australian World Cup midfielder, is ready to set up his Indoor Soccer League once again.

Richards has conducted Indoor Soccer Leagues for the last five years, and seems to be getting bigger and better with every season.

"Last year, we ran the \$2,000 Super League won by St George's Youth squad," Richards said.

"This year we again will be having an inter-cities competition, where the players from country areas will get the chance to have a crack at the city fellas.

"As well this year we are looking at running a Super Challenge Cup competition involving NSL players.

"Our Centre is the best appointed for Indoor Soccer and we run a tight ship. Our competitions are well organised and run smoothly."

Richards also went on to tell us that for the last three seasons, they have had the best Indoor Soccer player in Australia

in their competitions.

"We have Johnny Synos ('the Greek Freak') with us, and believe me he is the best Indoor player in Australia. He is super.

"Although we run a very disciplined League, with strict supervision, we see it that all our players have great fun and enjoy themselves enormously," Richards commented.

Applications for this season's competitions are now open. For further details, contact Ray Richards on 727 9022.

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MITCHELL ASKS RANGERS FOR RELEASE

SOCCEEROO David Mitchell is in the news again. He could be back in Australia within seven days.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Mitchell has asked his Scottish club, Glasgow Rangers, to release him from his contract before the deadline at the end of June, and has already had an offer from Adelaide City, as ASW predicted a

month ago.

The giant striker is disillusioned with Rangers and manager Jock Wallace in particular.

In a recent Scottish FA Cup game Mitchell starred in a 3-3 draw with Morton, then scored

one goal and laid on another to help Rangers win the replay.

The following week he was dropped by Wallace!

Speaking by phone from Glasgow, Mitchell said he felt he was better off away from Rangers.

"I used to think it was my game that was off, but now I realise the boss and I don't see eye-to-eye," he said.

"I feel I would be better off in Australia, and working to keep my place in the Soccerroos.

"I can always try the UK scene after the World Cup."

However City chairman Charlie Caruso said his club wanted Mitchell for at least two years.

"We have offered a verbal three-year contract," he said.

Fairmont Homes, one of City's major sponsors, told the club earlier in the year it would back a "name" player if City could secure one from overseas.

"We have still to straighten out a few

details with the sponsor and Mitchell, but when I spoke to David on the phone he sounded delighted with our initial proposition," said Mr Caruso.

Mitchell was due to meet Rangers management with his lawyer to secure an early release.

John Greig, who signed him when he was manager, had promised him a free clearance to Australia if he was homesick or things did not work out.

This was not in writing and Rangers may hold Mitchell to his full contract term.

The Soccerroo also wants to ensure that if he returns to the UK, Rangers will ask for only the \$20,000 they gave him to sign on when he joined them in 1983.

City may have to battle for Mitchell's signature, for while his family lives in Adelaide, Melbourne clubs are already stirring following the news of



□ JOCK WALLACE

his possible return.

However, Sydney City, the club Mitchell played for before joining Rangers, will not be after his services on a short-term basis, according to coach Eddie Thomson.

English clubs Chelsea, Manchester City and Watford are all interested in signing Mitchell once his World Cup stint is over.



□ DAVID MITCHELL in Soccerroo action.

INDOOR SOCCER

RAY RICHARDS & JOHN TURNER ADVISE APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE WINTER COMPETITION 1985.

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ALEX HEADS FOR THE TOP

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY Youth international Alex Bundalo doesn't like the cold weather but he can't wait to get to Russia with the Young Socceroos in August for the World Youth Championship.

Bundalo scored the two vital goals which ensured Australia a place in the Finals.

In 1982 Bundalo won a scholarship which earned him a stint with English club Manchester United and described it as a great experience.

"It was fantastic training at Old Trafford and being involved in the day-to-day operations of such a famous club," he said.

"The only drawback to the trip were the cold conditions and I think that would be really hard to take for a young Australian going over there to try to break in to the big-time."

Since that trip it seems everything has happened for the Wollongong youngster as last season he won a place in the Wolves National League side and also went to Singapore with the national Under 23 side for the Merlion Cup.

It hasn't all been handed to him on a plate because he works hard on his game and at one stage last season was reprimanded by Wollongong coach Adrian Alston for training too much.

"I felt he was becoming jaded because of the ball-work he was putting in on top of regular team training through the week," Alston said.

"It may have sounded strange to tell him to ease up but I felt it was what he had to do at that particular time or he would have been burned out before the

gong, he went in to the Fairy Meadow side in the NSW Second Division at the age of 16.

He served a tough apprenticeship in that league but did enough to gain a place in the Wollongong City line-up last year.

Despite being thrown straight in to the rigours of the midfield, he performed well for a player so young and scored two memorable goals.

His first NSL goal

was scored at Spencer Park against Brisbane City, earning Wollongong a 1-1 draw just before the end.

It was a spectacular first-time shot after a Brisbane defender had made a clearance.

In another away game against Parramatta Melita, Bundalo again showed his flair for the unex-

pected when he scored the only goal of the game.

After Melita goal-kick, Bundalo swooped on the ball and hammered it straight back in to the net before the goalkeeper had time to get back on his line.

Bundalo was as disappointed as any of the players that his team finished on the bottom of the table,

but he says it will be different this season.

"We seem to have a new team spirit this year and everyone wants to succeed, so we will surprise a few teams before the season is over," he said.

'Benefit'

"I am hoping to benefit from my first season in the League and other young play-

ers will also do a lot better this year."

On the international scene, Bundalo is certain to be off to Mexico with the Youth squad in April for the Havelange tournament.

Then it is off to Russia for the WYC finals, and the Wollongong youngster says Australia won't be overawed by the occasion.

"Some said the squad do better than 1981 and they were unknown came to Bundalo's shoulder clear we lot of work for the feel the squad will



□ ALEX BUNDALO (right) pressures Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James.

BUNDALO CAN BE THE COMPLETE MIDFIELDER

ALEX BUNDALO's 93rd minute goal which took the Australian Youth team to Russia illustrated the value of goalscoring midfielders.

Indeed, Australia was further indebted to Bundalo who had scored earlier in the game.

The goalscoring art from midfield is epitomised by John Wark in England and French captain Michel Platini, now playing in Italy.

In the Australian context, Bundalo has many of the attributes required to be an outstanding goalscorer from midfield.

I was involved with him at Fairy Meadow two years ago for several months during my first spell there.

His best skill at that time was kicking, especially shooting.

He times the ball very well and always is a chance to score when within 25 metres of goal.

Invaluable

In those days, just having turned 17, he had a tendency to do all his dribbling in the mid-

of the month" competitions, most goals in soccer are scored within 10 metres of goal.

Some midfielders, such as Wark, score many goals close in on goal without the benefit of dribbling skills.

In his case he times a forward run to arrive in the penalty box to meet a cross, or fasten on to a through-ball.

Martin Peters, ex-Tottenham, Norwich and England, also perfected that art, especially with running on the blind side of defenders.

Murray Barnes of Sydney City is another such exponent.

Platini, on the other hand, usually uses dribbling skills to get close in on goal.

Bundalo's style, to date, is more akin to that of Platini.

However, he has been limited by his lack of ability to dribble past players in tight situations



BY **MIKE JOHNSON**

quicker and simpler passes in the midfield.

I rated Alex the best player in the Fairy Meadow team, along with Steven Baker, a relatively unknown striker who has played for Fairy Meadow for several years.

It was a great surprise to me that, when I left the club in mid-season, he was dropped from the team.

This was probably because there has been a question mark on Alex's commitment when it came to tackling and working

rent England captain Manchester United star Brian, and before him the Stefano of Real Madrid.

I do not mean that might play as well as the cent Alfredo di Stefan the greatest soccer player ever seen.

But in the Australian Alex, if he does not limit through lack of drive pursuit of excellence, potential to become a plete player.

A BAPTISM OF FIRE AT BRISBANE CITY

BY GREG RUSSELL

"THINGS can only get easier" was the attitude adopted by Brisbane City officials as the club prepared for its opening NSL clash with Lions at Spencer Park.

The club's board, many of them experiencing their first season as soccer administrators, have faced and overcome one problem after another in the pre-season months.

But now with the season proper set to kick-off, the club hopes all the difficulties are behind them.

The events at Spencer Park that have grabbed the headlines in recent weeks include:

- Captain Frank Pimblett failed to front for pre-season training and was subsequently suspended for two weeks and a further match for each extra week he stayed away. Pimblett still has not fronted and looks set to sit out the season.

- Stopper Frank Liddell refused to return from Scotland until he was given a lucrative long-term contract. City remained firm that they would not negotiate by telephone and if he was not prepared to return to Australia on his own undertaking, the club was not interested. Liddell's re-entry visa expired a week ago and City now are likely to de-register the defender to give the club a valuable visa place.

- Utility player Luciano Fabrizio left for Canberra in a widely-publicised \$10,000 deal. Within days the former Young Socceroo squad member was back in Brisbane and signed with City for another season.

- Former Canberra player Alan Reis trialed with City after he was transferred in his work to Brisbane. City were to swap Fabrizio for Reis and cash but when Fabrizio returned to Brisbane, Reis transfer fee suddenly went from \$6,200 to \$8,000.

- Former Western Suburbs (Victoria) striker Jed Stenson made a big impact in early trials with City, but last week City were advised that Stenson no longer had permission to play or train with the Brisbane club. Furthermore, attempts by City to sign Stenson for \$6,000 ran into trouble when his visa and registration situation could not be clarified by the Victorian Soccer Federation.

- Another Victorian, Mark Wilson of Northcote, had to be turned away by City, despite impressive displays, because the club was over-stocked with visa players. Following the signing of Brazilian Roberto Lettieri, who was expected to arrive this week, and Victorian Andy Hodgson, City had a place only for Stenson — if they de-registered Liddell.

"A lot of things have happened and we have learned a lot. Although from the outside it might have looked as if the club was disorganised, we were actually just taking our time to ensure we acted in the best interest of our team and our supporters," City president John Ciavarella said.

While things are starting to settle now at Spencer Park, coach Tony Lownds and his team look to have a job ahead of them to better the woeful City performances of the past three years. City have not finished any higher than third last in the past three seasons.

"We are rebuilding but there is plenty of spirit in the side. Everyone is giving me 100 percent effort and that is all I can ask. I am sure we will surprise a few sides this season," Lownds said.



□ LUCIANO FABRIZIO (right): staying with Brisbane City.

ROBINS ATTACKS DEFENSIVE PLAY

BRISBANE coach Fred Robins has accused Queensland coaches of being too defensive and stifling their players.

Robins, who is to pick a team to play Ipswich in a revival of the annual inter-city clash on March 31, wants the coaches to forget about winning pre-season tournaments.

He has appealed to them to preach football in the QSF's XXXX tournament, which has resumed following the power crisis.

Robins will use the XXXX to finalise his Brisbane squad.

The former Mount Gravatt Premier League coach and state assistant coach was aghast at some of the tactics he saw in the recently-completed Silver Boot pre-season tournament at Richlands.

"Teams packed their defences in the Silver Boot; they were frightened to lose. If that is the case in pre-season what will they be like three games into the fixtures?" he asked.

"There was too much emphasis on winning and most teams were not trying things. Players did not have a chance to show what they could do. And for that reason, outside of the two National League teams, no-one stood out in the Silver Boot as a Brisbane selection certainty."

Unfortunately for Robins, NSL players are not eligible for the Brisbane team, which meets Ipswich, to be coached by former Brisbane City player Ian Johnston, at Bundamba.

And following the signing of several Brisbane players, Johnston, who will pick his team from Ipswich United and Coalstars, looks to have a much more talented crop of candidates.

"I definitely think Ian has the easier job," Robins said.

After the dark start, the XXXX has swung into top gear and two rounds of qualifying matches are among those to be played this week. On Wednesday, Lions meet Valley Trident (6.30pm) while Ipswich United play Taringa (8.30pm), and on Friday Mt Gravatt take on North Star (6.30pm) and Grange Thistle clash with Coalstars (8.30pm).

Meanwhile, Queensland squad goalkeeper Stuart Woodruffe, who trained during the off-season with Nottingham Forest, has re-signed with Premier League premiers Mount Gravatt.

Woodruffe, who was valued by his club at



□ FRED ROBINS

\$20,000, was linked in a possible move to a National League side.

But some heavy negotiating by Dittmer Park officials convinced Woodruffe to stay and now the 21-year-old will be imparting some of the knowledge he picked up at Forest.

Woodruffe will hold special goalkeeper clinics for Mount Gravatt youngsters, and he will also coach an Under 15 side.

Mount Gravatt also have sought the assistance of Federal Minister for Sport, John Brown, to re-recruit English midfielder Martin Kirsopp.

Kirsopp, one of the stars of the Hawks side last year after being signed from New Zealand, is presently playing for an amateur team in Newcastle in England.

But Kirsopp told Mount Gravatt officials in a recent telephone conversation that he wanted to return to Australia and apply for permanent residency.

"There is a letter with the Minister now, we are hopeful of having Marty back," Mount Gravatt president Paul Linton said.

THREAT TO BOOT OUT LIONS COMP

BRISBANE LIONS intend to tackle the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee yet again — and this time they have plenty of support.

Lions officials are fuming over a threat last week by QSF president Ian Brusasco to ban the club's Silver Boot Cup pre-season tournament, which was a huge success this year.

The Silver Boot attracted big crowds and at times produced some good football over four weeks at Lions' Richlands Stadium.

At the same time the QSF's night XXXX pre-season competition, officially the major pre-season tournament in Queensland, failed to get off the ground for more than a week because of the state's power crisis which resulted in bans on sport floodlighting.

Three rounds of matches had to be re-scheduled and the management was considering moving the semi-finals and finals back a week.

The difficulty in re-scheduled matches promoted Brusasco to say the XXXX tournament would be the only pre-season competition in Queensland next year.

"But for the power strike, there would have been no problems. He (Brusasco)

is wrong to blame us for postponed XXXX matches. The management committee is supposed to be promoting soccer not preventing it," Lions president John Morcus said.

"We notified the QSF well in advance and agreed to their request to have the competition finalised by February 23. The response from clubs to play in the Silver Boot tournament was tremendous and I am sure they all want to play in it again."

"I think it is our democratic right within the Federation to hold a pre-season competition as long as it does not cut across QSF matches, and we will have a bigger and better competition next year."

Lions, who engineered the fight against the management committee endorsed re-structuring proposals two years ago, intend to take their latest fight to the Council of Clubs again.

The Council must endorse any management committee and Lions believe they have the support of clubs which played in the Silver Boot to ral-

ly enough voting strength to block any ban.

But even if the management committee is successful in outlaying the Silver Boot, Morcus is determined the competition will go ahead.

"If necessary we will call it the Australian Silver Boot and invite teams from Toowoomba and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. We might even get a sponsor and bring up a club like Marconi," he said.

"The winning club will be the only one to get the boot in 1986, and that will be a silver one. It certainly won't be the competition," Morcus said.

Lions NSL team took the inaugural trophy this year when it downed Brisbane City 1-0 in a game which became bogged down in midfield. Lions had a glut of possession but apart from a brilliantly worked goal by Jim McDonagh, the home team never really threatened.

The Lions Premier League, side took third prizemoney when they edged out tournament surprise packets Acacia Ridge 2-1.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH RANK WITH BEST

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE successful "youth explosion" in Australian soccer is not an overnight happening but the result of careful and adroit planning by the ASF and its president Sir Arthur George.

The magnificent feat that has made the world sit up and take notice is that we have become the first nation in worldwide football to have our Under 16 and Youth team (Under 20) qualified for their relative World Championship Finals to be played later this year.

This is an achievement that has been worked for diligently by Sir Arthur George and the ASF since 1978.

That year saw the start of Australian soccer's now-successful youth policy, when our Youth team, under the direction of then national coach Rudi Gutendorf, mounted its first World Youth Championship campaign.

Two years previously this series had kicked off in Tunisia — a tournament that was by invitation only and Australian youth football at that time didn't rate an invite.

The 1978-79 venture to get to the Finals in Japan failed in far away Paraguay, but it was the start of something big.

Since then our Youth team have made every Final series — in Australia in 1981, in Mexico in 1983 and now Russia.

Throughout the wonderful and successful years, I have had the great pleasure and honour of being with the Youth teams on most of their overseas campaigns to relay their great deeds back home to Australia.

The first attempt for glory failed in South America simply because it's near impossible for any team in the world to win in Paraguay.

Australia had a marvellous team that year and included players who have since gone on to bigger and better things, stars such as Alan Davidson, Eddie Krncevic, Graham Jennings, Peter Katholos, Peter Tre-dinnick, Greg Woodhouse and Paul Kay, to name a few.

Also on that trip to South America were Brian Emery, now the executive director of the ASF, and Michael Weinstein, the present team manager of the successful Youth team that has qualified for the Finals in Russia in August.

The lessons learned in Paraguay and in Brazil, where the Aussie team trained for a week,

have since proved to be priceless.

Then of course it was Les Scheinflug's turn and a successful Final series here in Australia in 1981, where he got his team through to the quarter-finals.

Great players in that squad included David Mitchell, Peter Raskopoulos, Oscar Crino and Steve Blair.

Scheinflug and his assistant Raul Blanco then went on to achieve almost the impossible by getting

his 1983 squad through to the Finals in Mexico.

This was done in far-off Costa Rica in a manner I shall never forget as long as I live.

The fighting qualities shown by this young Australian team in the Central American republic were second-to-none.

Some of the stars of that team were of course Tommy McCulloch, Frank Farina, Tony Franken, Rod Brown, David Lowe and Jim Patikas.

Now Jim Shouder's 1985 Young Socceroos bound for Russia, with stars of this outfit like Chris Kalantzis, Andrew Bernal, Alex Bundalo and Paul Jones.

Success at youth level in the international arena is now a proud tradition for Australia and the Young Socceroos.

A tradition that marches forward and insures the future of the code here in this country.

Sure we have problems on the domestic scene at senior level, but all the signs are prevalent that this year these problems are being solved and that peace within the ranks will soon prevail.

Everyone with the true welfare of the



□ JIM PATIKAS (white shorts), a key member of the 1983 Australian Youth team, in action for Australia 'B' against Nottingham Forest in last season's World Soccer Series.

game at heart has been looking for such a happening to come about for longer than I care to remember.

Maybe the success of our kids has shown the way. I sincerely hope so.

It's marvellous that the success of the Under 16 and Youth team has happened this year, as this is International Youth

Year.

The Under 16 world series in China is the first-ever of its type and must surely go on to become yet another footballing tradition.

Certainly it's exceedingly more difficult at senior level, but, if the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow can be found and qualification for Mex-

ico can be gained, 1985 will go down in the sporting history books as the greatest year ever for soccer in Australia.



□ EDDIE KRNCVIC: a 1979 star.

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USE GRIDS TO SOLVE SPACE SHORTAGE

By NSW Director of Coaching, Alan Vest

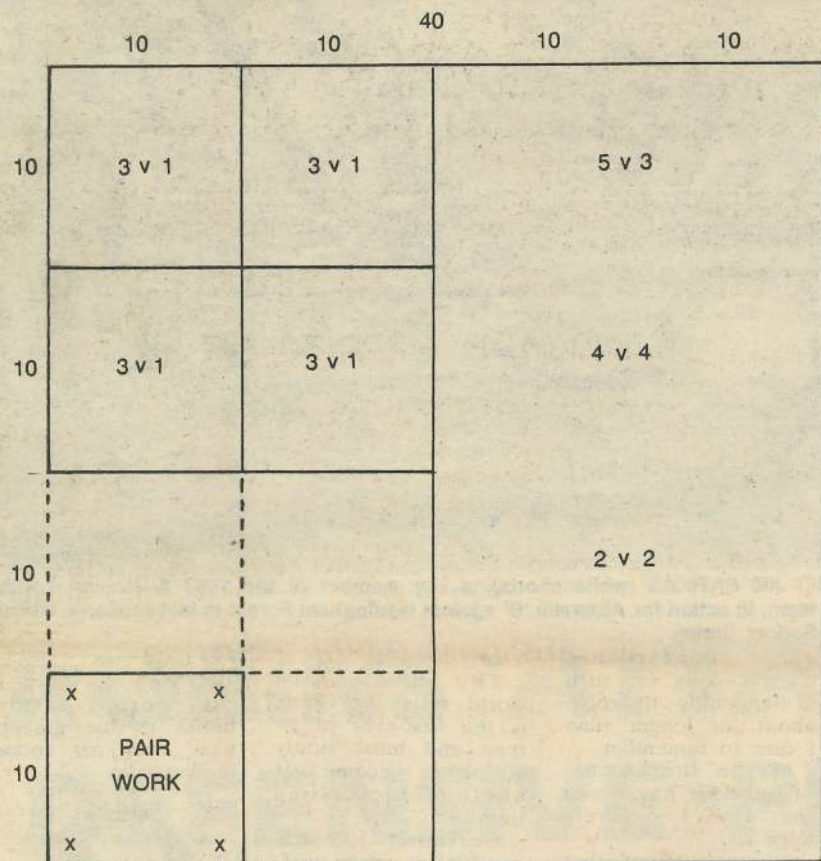
THE use of grids can go a long way to solving a problem many coaches have — LIMITED SPACE AT TRAINING.

By using grids, coaches are able to organise quickly and efficiently and are able to combine the coaching of techniques and skills along with organised games.

A grid is usually 10 x 10 metres and so permutations can satisfy many practices depending on the size of the group and the transfer from techniques to skill training.

Cones or markers can be used, although if a designated area is always available, it is a good idea to have permanent markings.

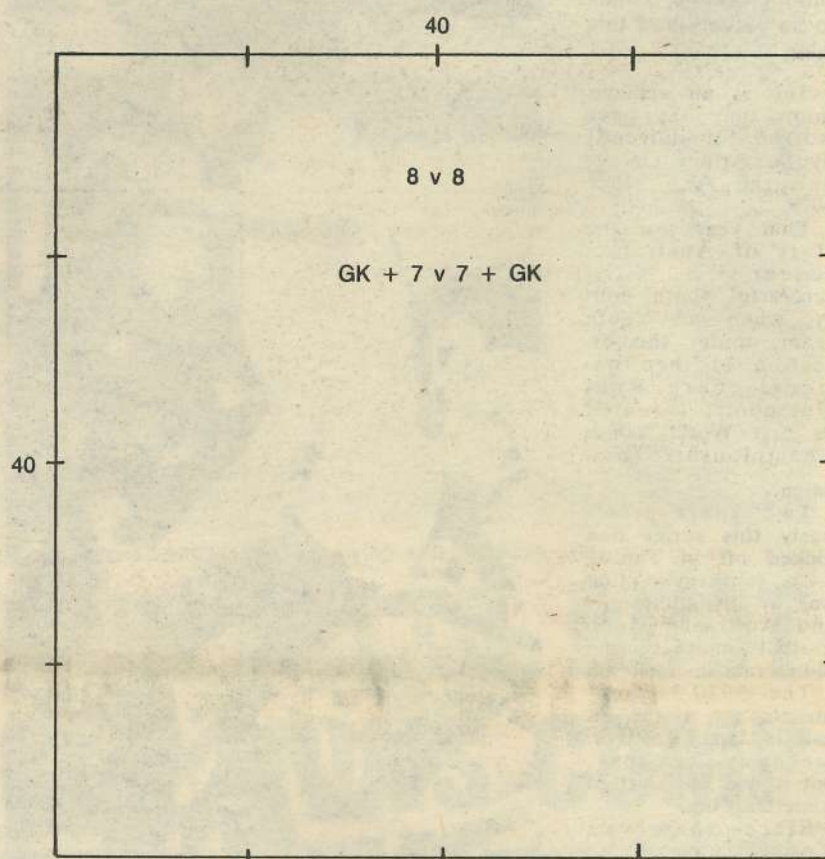
Assuming most squads have 16 players, here are some examples of practices that can be used:



10 x 10:
Pair work
3 v 1

40 x 20:
5 v 3
2 v 2
4 v 4
GK + 3 v 3 + GK

40 x 40:
GK + 7 v 7 + GK
8 v 8

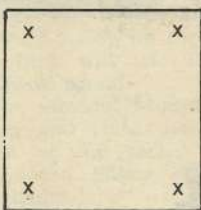


40 x 40 = 16 GRIDS:

7 v 7 plus goalkeepers — scoring the object.
8 v 8 possession — number of passes = goal.

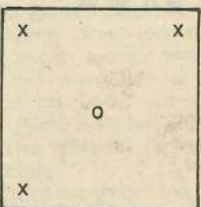
Obviously many different permutations and hundreds of practices can be worked within 40 x 40 or 16 grids.

10 x 10:



Pair work — four players in a grid working in pairs; ball between two.

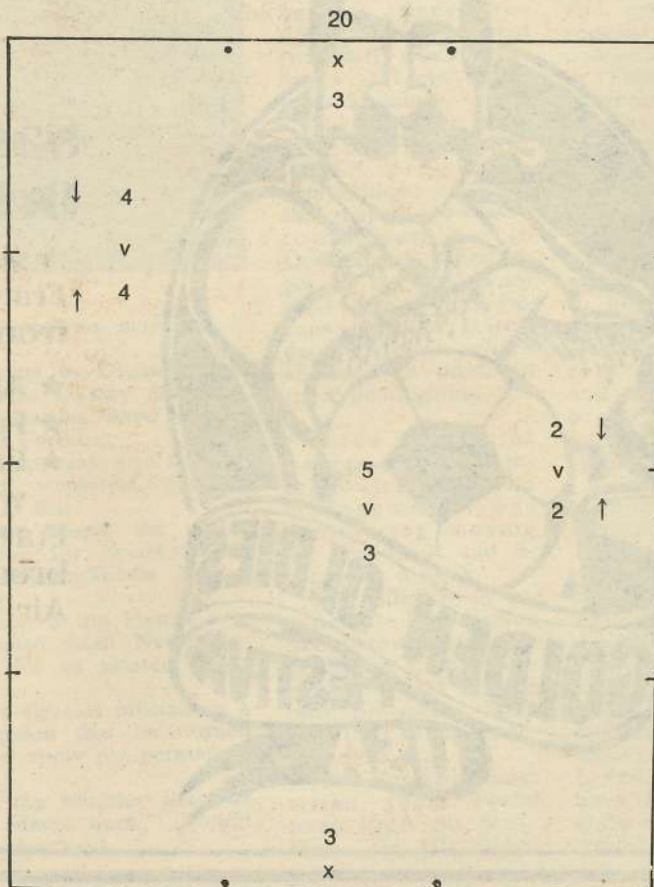
All teaching practices — passing, heading, control, etc.



Four players — 3 v 1 — how many passes without defender getting the ball.

Change defender at intervals.

Coaching points to look for: Good angles, passing qualities — accuracy, weighting, disguise.



COMBINATION OF 8 GRIDS:

5 v 3 — the five have to keep possession — coaching points as above practice.

4 v 4 — game with object to get to opposite line with foot on ball to score.

3 v 3 + goalkeepers — game with goals as objective.

2 v 2 — object to get the ball to opposite pair acting as markers.

Good practise for "head up" (vision) but can also work on defenders as work.



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BLANCO SETTLES IN AT CANTERBURY

BY FRANK COLETTA

RAUL BLANCO, Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic's well-travelled coach, is certainly not about to rush into anything with his new job at the club.

"Being new at the club makes things a little difficult early on, what with not knowing many of the players and generally everyone else involved.

"From what I've seen of the side in pre-season friendlies, they will be coming along slowly. Improvement is coming into the picture now, which is a healthy sign.

"To strengthen the squad we have acquired Carlos Ortega, who with more than 11 years' playing experience behind him in Chile and PSL experience with Blacktown will be a great buy.

"Other than him there is really no one else to speak of in signing terms, although we are currently dealing with Eduardo Pena.

"As for losses, Craig Hall has gone in an unusual manner. He came in one day and asked if he could buy out his contract, so as he can be a free agent.

"The curious thing is that we don't know where he is going and it seems that no club was actually looking to sign him.

"Angelo Titalis has gone to Inter Monaco, but the payment has not yet arrived from Queanbeyan."

Blanco sees no reason why Canterbury should not have a big year: "I have been given a free hand to deal with who I wish, selecting the sides and anything else under my jurisdiction.

"Everyone is very helpful, and with us now doing extensive work on our tactics and technique a fruitful season is ahead."

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□ RAUL BLANCO: 'free hand'.



□ CARLOS ORTEGA: new signing.

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Manly v Canterbury.... 1-0
Avala v Melita 4-2
Fairy Meadow v S'land 2-1
Bankstown v Uruguay 2-0
Ku-ring-gai v W'gah ... 1-0
Rockdale - Polonia — postponed



LJUBO DEMANDS BIG EFFORT

BY FRANK COLETTA

WITH Ljubo Gojovic's determined outlook on the 1985 season, Warringah Narrabeen can look forward to pressing the big guns of the NSW State League for honours this term.

Says Gojovic: "We don't have outstanding players in the individual sense, so with this lack of quality I have to instill into my players the importance of giving absolutely everything, from start to finish.

"A lot of sides can base their game on name players but we will be looking to physical solidity and motivation to carry us through."

However, Gojovic does not fail to point out that he expects a big year from several men.

"I personally believe George Akoutas, formerly of Sydney Olympic, could become a real hot property. Although his skills need a little polishing, he reminds me so much of Steve Knight."

Acquisitions

Other signings for the Warringah club are Ron Geekie, David Watt, Murray Giles and Neil Pasich all from Auburn, completing a ravaging of the Uruguayan-backed side's forces.

And according to Ljubo the acquisitions won't stop there.

"I am always on the lookout for more players and new faces won't disrupt the side even though we are in the middle of preparation.

"We need quality back-up for the firsts. We have replacements but simply I doubt if there is quality in them.

"It is a very hard situation, the difficulty arises from the lack of money. Last year at Auburn it was the exact same story — no buying power."

Against this claim is the fact that a fair amount of playing staff have followed him across from Auburn, but Ljubo denies he is wanting too much.

"With the players I want we will be in the semi-finals.

"Our early form has shown we have reached only about 70 percent match fitness. By next week the side should have reached peak fitness.

"We will be competitive and the two experienced fellows in Geekie and Ron McDonagh should help the youngsters immensely, with their obvious class certain to rub off on their team-mates."



□ WARRINGAH in action last season.

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TOP COACHES AT BUNDABERG

BY STEVE STILLMAN

FIFTEEN coaches from Bundaberg to Brisbane attended the six-day Part A ASF Level 3 coaching course at Bundaberg's Martens Oval in January.

Similar courses have been previously held in Brisbane (1984), Townsville (1983) and Rockhampton (1982).

Staff coaches in attendance were Eric Worthington (Rothmans national director of coaching), Bruce Stowell (Queensland director of coaching), Jim Selby (regional director of coaching) and Peter Kelly (ASF Level 3 coach and player).

A squad of 16 Wide Bay representative and Queensland state U14 and U15 players were chosen as players for the coaches.

Course co-ordinator Jim Selby said this was the first Level 3 coaching course of any sport to be held in Bundaberg.

"I'm pleased with the response to the course by coaches and players despite very hot weather and the long hours," he added.

Eric Worthington, who flew in late on the second last day of the

course from similar courses in New South Wales and South Australia, wasted no time in instructing the course participants.

In his summing up at the end of the week he said he was pleased with the high standard of the course, participants and players.

Selby, who stepped down as the national women's coach following the women's tournament in China and the World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan, said he had gained valuable experience from overseas coaches and was able to pass much of this on to the coaches at the course.

One of Selby's ambitions since his appointment as regional director of coaching — to have all Wide Bay representative teams coached by Level 3 coaches — has become a reality for all U12-U15 teams this season. Selby believes this is unique for junior soccer in Australia.



□ **BRUCE STOWELL**, Queensland director of coaching, at the recent Level 3 coaching course in Bundaberg.



□ **ERIC WORTHINGTON** (centre row) makes a point to the Level 3 coaches during a break in training at Bundaberg.

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AUSTRALIA'S U16 SQUAD

DAVID ARANYI

Birthdate: 2/1/69
Position: Forward
State: Northern NSW
Club: Cardiff Juniors
Association/League: U18 State League
School: Kotara High
Main honours as player: State representative and U15 Australia team 1983
Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia at senior level and become a professional player
Ambitions in life: To be successful in everyday life
Age commenced soccer: 8
First club: Lake Macquarie
Other sports: Surfing



GEORGE JOLEVSKI

Birthdate: 26/3/69
Position: Full-back
State: Victoria
Club: Preston Makedonia
Association/League: U19 Youth League
School: Lalor High
Main honours as player: State representative
Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia and win the World Cup
Ambitions in life: Being a sports teacher
Age commenced soccer: 9
First club: Lalor Juniors
Other sports: Cricket, basketball, weights



GARETH NAVEN

Birthdate: 3/3/69
Position: Defender
State: Western Australia
Club: Bayswater Inter
Association/League: WA U17 League
School: Thornlie Senior High
Main honours as player: Representing my country in the Oceania U15 tournament
Ambitions in sport: Play for my country as many times as possible
Ambitions in life: Enjoy my soccer and enjoy life
Age commenced soccer: 6
First club: Gosnells City
Other sports: Squash, basketball, any other sport



CRAIG NAVEN

Birthdate: 3/3/69
Position: Midfielder
State: Western Australia
Club: Bayswater Inter
Association/League: WA U17 League
School: Thornlie Senior High
Main honours as player: State player 1981-84
Ambitions in sport: To play for Australia, make the AIS and enjoy my career as a soccer player
Ambitions in life: To have a happy life and to have a good education and become a physical education teacher
Age commenced soccer: 6
First club: Gosnells City (for eight years)
Other sports: Swimming, athletics, cricket, indoor cricket, indoor soccer



(Gareth and Craig Naven are twins, giving their coaches great difficulty in telling them apart!)

BANCROFT'S STERLING CONTRIBUTION

BY BILL TURNER

WARREN BANCROFT, a leading worker in NSW North Coast and schools soccer, passed away recently much to the sorrow of his many friends.

After discovering in mid-1984 that he was terminally ill, he spent some time in hospital in both Lismore and Sydney.

Warren not only worked hard for the Under 15 Bill Turner Cup, but he spent years coaching and assisting Commonwealth Bank Cup (formerly Tasman Cup teams), girls competition teams, regional sides, amateurs and North Coast representative teams.

He was a foundation member of the local Thistles Soccer Club, its first president and for years a player, player-coach and coach.

In addition, he was president of the Lismore Soccer Football Association for several years.

No job was done half-heartedly. He was a typically busy man from whom you could guarantee a job well done.

Warren Bancroft arrived at Richmond River High School in 1960 and his contribution to the school became a byword on the North Coast.

He picked youngsters up when they fell and dusted them down and as well he shared in their triumphs.

He never stood in the way of an enthusiastic coach who wanted to try his hand with a school or district team.

Teams under his control upheld his ingrained discipline of play hard, play fair and be courteous to those in authority.

I speak of all of the schools' soccer fraternity when I say we mourn his passing and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife Joy and family John, Sharon and Lisa.



□ **WARREN BANCROFT** (left) pictured with all-time great **Bobby Charlton**.

TRELOAR WILL BE HARD TO FOIL

WELL-KNOWN sporting goods supplier Steve Treloar has moved into representative team coaching with Nepean Association.

This year Treloar, whose business is Treloar (Australia) Sporting Equipment Pty Ltd, will handle the Under 11 team in the Metropolitan Championships.

Over the past two years he successfully handled Penrith RSL Div 1 team in Under 9 and then the Under 10 grade.

In soccer Steve holds his Preliminary Coaching Certificate, but it is in the sport of fencing that he is highly qualified.

He holds a Masters Qualification from the International Fencing Union, Geneva.

In 1981 he coached the national fencing team to victory in the Far East and South Pacific Games.

A qualified soccer referee, Steve is president of the Nepean District Referees Association, and has a Class 1 certificate of the AASRF.

Apart from his business and soccer activities, Steve finds the time to teach part-time at Blacktown Technical College.

In 1972, a Rotary scholarship saw Steve take a course in Youth Leadership, with emphasis on



□ **STEVE TRELOAR** communication. He should be able to get his point across to the younger players.

— **GEORGE CHURCHWARD**

NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

- Fri March 8:** Sydney Branch MCM.
- Fri March 15:** Western Branch MCM.
- Sat March 16:** State MCM.
- Sun March 17:** Nominations close for State, Robertson and Amateur Cups.
- Sun March 31:** Nominations close for U12 Treloar Centenary Cup. NSW Youth League commences.
- Fri April 5-8:** Country U13 rep team camp at Parklea, over Easter weekend.
- Tues April 12:** Sydney Branch MCM.
- Fri April 19:** Western Branch MCM.
- Sat April 27:** State MCM.

— PREPARED BY **BILL CULLINAN**

'ROCKETS' FIRE IN HILLS DISTRICT

HILLS INDEPENDENT Sports Club of Castle Hill have announced the appointment of **Keith Piper** as club coach.

Keith, a former first grade player, is a qualified ASF coach and has years of experience, having coached at Auburn, Melita and Gladesville Federation.

As well as coaching the "Rockets" Premier League side, he will spend much of his time passing on his knowledge to junior coaches and players.

Harry Cooper, vice-president, said that the appointment of Keith Piper as club coach is another step forward in the plans of this small but very progressive club.

Hills Independent Sports Club introduced a new grading system for all its junior players.

All players take part in a series of skills tests, small-sided games, and full-sized games before they are graded into teams.

Results are analysed and each boy's performance in all areas is assessed to ensure the player is graded into a team where he can cope comfortably, gain confidence and enjoy the game.

Planning for the May 1985 Soccer Camp is nearly completed and details will be announced shortly.

Main features will be low cost, qualified instructors, and the amount of time spent with the individual player.

The club is proud that three of its champion U14 side have been selected this year to play Youth League.

Paul Teleki will play striker with St George, John Massingham has joined Melita as a sweeper, and creative player Mark Cooper will turn out with Gladesville/Hornsby.

Hills Independent Sports Club, with its progressive committee and capable coaching panel, is looking forward to another top season this year.

NORM PHILP is the new secretary of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council in succession to Mrs Pam Gilbert.

Mr Philp hails from the Kingsridge area and is connected to the

strong Brisbane South Junior Zone.

He has had plenty of experience of soccer and is widely tipped as certain to keep the good work going.

KU-RING-GAI Association president **Bob Davis** (pictured) is also secretary of the district club in the NSW State League.

He agrees that he has taken on a big task, but feels that the extra co-operation that is building up between both organisations has been worth all the effort involved.



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BILL TURNER CUP GAINS MOMENTUM

NO schools soccer competition has grown as fast as the Bill Turner Cup.

The underlying reason, apart from the general popularity of soccer amongst the juniors of NSW and the ACT, is that it encompasses both the public and private sectors of the education system.

The Turner Cup is contested on the knockout principle for school-boys who do not turn 15 before January 1, 1985.

It began six years ago with 34 school teams drawn from the Hunter Region alone.

By last year, no less than 270 public and private schools entered and for the first time a private school, Patrician Brothers Fairfield, reached the final where they went down gallantly to Wallsend High School.

Area co-ordinators arrange

knockout matches in each education area. Thus schools from the Queensland to the Victorian borders and away to the south-west, west and north-west of the state are included.

The semi-finals and finals have been set down for Newcastle on August 20 and 21.

Games are of 30 minutes duration, with 10 minutes each way extra-time and penalty kicks if a decider is needed.

Entries close with area co-ordinators on March 13. The state co-ordinator is Terry Hampton, Wallsend High School (049) 51 1811 and home (049) 59 1966. President is Bill Turner, Booragul High School (049) 58 1544 and home (049) 54 8136.

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Shirt:

Shorts:

Socks:

Expected home ground:

MOUNTFORD JOINS LAKE MACQUARIE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BOBBY MOUNTFORD, formerly with Newcastle and also having short spells with Brisbane City and Blacktown City, has joined Lake Macquarie in the Northern NSW First Division.

The Lake could be in for a great season. Ian Bannor has joined from Weston and goalkeeper David Fitzsimmons from Central Coast.

Mike Trebilcock is the club's head coach, with former South Coast and Apia Leichhardt goalkeeper Dave McQuire one of the top administrators.

Austral United has retained Ossie Bellamy as coach after he piloted them up from Second Division.

Bill Amey, once in the NSL, is on the playing staff.

The First Division does not kick off until April 13/14.

The draw shows first round games as Lake Macquarie v Highfields Azzurri, Belmont Swansea v Weston, Central Coast v Adamstown, Austral v West Wallsend and Maitland v Cardiff.

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WARREN RENDELL, one of Western Suburbs' bright youngsters when the Magpies were a soccer force some years back, has been appointed coach of Edgeworth.

Rendell had six top years with the Cardiff club, where his skills were always appreciated. Later he became assistant coach to Mike Trebilcock.

After moves to Kahibah and then South Cardiff in the lower divisions, Rendell now it's his chance in the bigger time.

Another former Wests player is still around. Central defender Trevor Smythe, who was with Belmont Swansea in 1984, has joined West Wallsend Bluebells for this season.

Also at West Wallsend will be the capable Paul Gilgley, formerly with the Newcastle NSL youth squad.

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BILLY WALKER, in other years a leading player around the Newcastle area, is now a board member of the Northern NSW Federation.

Alan Tredinnick, father of current playing stars Peter and Howard, stood down as chairman.

His spot went to the experienced Dave Williams.



□ **BILL AMEY**



□ **BOBBY MOUNTFORD** (centre) in action for Newcastle.

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DOLAN MOVES

JULIE DOLAN, Australia's women's team captain, has just moved from Queensland to live in Sydney and take up employment with a security firm.

Already there has been a scramble by soccer clubs to secure the playing services of this crack midfielder.

Arncliffe Scots are favoured to win the race at this stage.



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□ **OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL, TAMWORTH** — WINNERS OF THE KU-RING-GAI CUP:

The girls from Oxley High School, Tamworth, NSW, who won the 1984 Ku-ring-gai Cup, a statewide knockout competition for high school girls' teams.

BACK ROW: Rod Tudball (coach), Heather Gordon (captain), Caroline Singleton, Karen Lambert, Erica Newby, Nicole Storch, Tina Poder, Lynette Evans (with headband).

FRONT ROW: Jane Brennan, Joanne Cathcart, Angie Birchall, Michelle Smith, Sharon Howie, Megan Robinson, Barbara Crossley.

(Photo courtesy Mr Ron Webster, Tamworth)

HATELEY MAKES HIS MARK

ITALIAN-BASED Mark Hateley was England's match-winning hero in Belfast when his goal gave the team a 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland in the World Cup elimination match.

England now have six points from three Group 3 matches and have scored 14 goals and conceded none.

But the Irishmen were very unlucky to lose in Belfast.

They gave England a worrying time until Hateley of AC Milan popped in the only goal of the game a quarter-of-an-hour from the end.

While England were handicapped by the absence of skipper Bryan Robson through injury, Northern Ireland were even harder hit through the absence of their captain Martin O'Neill and Billy Hamilton.

Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings, 40 next birthday and playing in his 108th interna-

tional, had little to do as his team-mates launched regular raids on the English goal.

There was no luck for the Irish just before half-time when Jimmy Quinn's header rattled England's crossbar when a goal looked certain.

"The Irish team had the better of the game but we had 11 heroes out there who

did not wilt," said England boss Bobby Robson when it was all over.

And for disappointed Irish coach Billy Bingham, there came a sad summing-up: "We gave England more problems than they gave us but it will be difficult for us to qualify for Mexico now."

In another vital World Cup elimination, Spain beat Scotland 1-0 in Seville, a result which did nothing to clarify the situation of Group 7.

Scorer of the vital goal was Barcelona's Francisco Clos with a header in the 48th minute.

In more World Cup games last week, Netherlands had an easy win against the minnows of Cyprus 7-1 in Amsterdam and Greece accounted for Albania 2-0 in Athens.

South Korea beat Nepal 2-0 in Asian sub-group 'A' World Cup preliminary round. Teo Ho Lee, scored with a penalty kick in the 63rd minute of the game, but Korea's first goal was an own goal by Nepal full-back Dhirendra Pradhan in the 36th minute.



MARK HATELEY (right) scores England's goal against Northern Ireland in Belfast. At left is John McClelland.

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	1	1	0	5	3	3
Belgium	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Greece	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Albania	4	1	1	2	5	7	3

TO PLAY: Mar 27 Belgium v Greece; Apr 17 Albania v Greece; May 1 Belgium v Poland; May 19 Greece v Poland; May 30 Albania v Poland; Sept 11 Poland v Belgium.

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	14	0	6
N. Ireland	4	2	0	2	5	5	4
Finland	4	2	0	2	4	8	4
Romania	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	10	0

TO PLAY: Apr 3 Romania v Turkey; May 1 N. Ireland v Turkey; Romania v England; May 22 Finland v England; June 6 Finland v Romania; Aug 28 Romania v Finland; Sept 11 Turkey v N. Ireland; England v Romania; Sept 25 Finland v Turkey; Oct 16 Romania v N. Ireland; England v Turkey; Nov 13 England v N. Ireland; Nov 14 Turkey v Romania.

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	3	3	0	0	7	3	6
Netherlands	4	2	0	2	9	4	4
Austria	3	2	0	1	1	4	4
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	3	12	0

TO PLAY: Apr 3 Hungary v Cyprus; Apr 17 Austria v Hungary; May 1 Netherlands v Austria; May 14 Austria v Cyprus; Hungary v Netherlands.

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Spain	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Iceland	3	1	0	2	2	5	2
Wales	3	1	0	2	2	5	2

TO PLAY: Mar 27 Scotland v Wales; Apr 30 Wales v Spain; May 28 Iceland v Scotland; June 12 Iceland v Spain; Sept 10 Wales v Scotland; Sept 25 Spain v Iceland.

BAYERN, BREMEN BATTLE

WERDER BREMEN have emerged challengers for the West German first division.

While Bayern Munich remain title favourites, they could regret getting only a 1-1 draw against the team battling against relegation, Borussia Dortmund.

While Bayern lost that precious point, Bremen had a sound 3-1 victory against last season's champions, Stuttgart.

Bremen banged in three goals through Uwe Reinders, Wolfgang Sidka and Rudi Voeller before Stuttgart replied almost on the final whistle with a goal by Thomas Kempe.

There are now only two points separating Bayern Munich and Werder Bremen at the top of the table.

W. GERMANY

Uerdingen v Cologne	2-1
Leverkusen v Hamburg	2-0
Lautern v Eintracht	2-1
Brunswick v Dusseldorf	1-0
Bielefeld v Muenchen	0-1
Bremen v Stuttgart	3-1
Dortmund v Bayern	1-1

FRANCE

Nantes v Metz	1-0
Brest v Auxerre	2-0
Toulon v Lens	1-0
Lille v Sochaux	1-1
Monaco v Strasbourg	3-0
Paris SG v Tours	2-0
Toulouse v Racing CP	1-3
Nancy v Roven	2-2
Laval v Marseilles	4-2

E. GERMANY

Hansa Rostock v Brandenburg	2-1
RW Erfurt v Leipzig	3-3
Magdeburg v M. Stadt	1-1
St. Riesa v Dy. Dresden	2-2
Wis. Ave. v Dy. Berlin	1-1
Ch. Leipzig v Motor Suhl	4-0
CZ. Jena v Vorwaerts	2-0

Dy. Berlin	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dy. Dresden	12	3	1	50	16	27
Leipzig	9	6	1	41	15	24
Magdeburg	10	3	3	39	17	23
Wis. Ave.	6	7	3	30	21	19
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ENGLISH SCORERS

28 — Kerry Dixon (Chelsea).
22 — Mark Falco (Tottenham).
21 — Gary Bannister (QPR), Graeme Sharp (Everton).

22 — John Aldridge (Oxford).
17 — Billy Hamilton (Oxford), Gary Stevens (Shrewsbury), David Geddis (Birmingham).

25 — Trevor Senior (Reading).
23 — Steve Lovell (Millwall).
19 — Kevin Hird (Burnley), Bobby Campbell (Bradford).
28 — Tony Adcock (Colchester).
25 — John Clayton (Tranmere).
19 — Wayne Clarke (Tranmere).



UNITED HOPES HIT BY DRAW

MANCHESTER UNITED's high hopes of winning this year's English First Division championship took a nosedive over the weekend.

In one of their most important matches, against leaders Everton at Old Trafford, United could do no better than draw 1-1.

So two desperately-needed points were squandered, leaving the Manchester men in third place seven points behind Everton and five behind runners-up Tottenham Hotspur.

United had a great chance of victory when Scottish international Gordon Strachan was given a penalty kick.

Strachan failed — the fifth penalty he has been unable to convert this season.

The penalty was awarded when the match was only three minutes old. Had it gone in, United could well have gone on to a convincing win.

Everton also missed with a penalty when Gary Bailey made a great save from Kevin Sheedy's spot-kick.

Jesper Olsen, the Danish international, put United a goal in front just before half-time, but, almost immediately, Derek Mountfield equalised for the Merseysiders.

Spurs only just crept in for victory against Stoke City when Garth Crooks — the forward they bought from Stoke — scored the only goal of the game.

Liverpool, the champions who were in danger of relegation before Christmas, continued their great comeback with a 1-0 win against Nottingham Forest at Anfield.

John Wark scored ... from the penalty spot.

Penalties certainly made news at the weekend and in Scotland another missed penalty kick could cost Celtic dearly.

Celtic drew 0-0 against Dundee United at Tannadice but the Glasgow team's youngster Peter Grant had the chance to win the match when he threw away the gift of a penalty kick.

Meanwhile, Aberdeen went merrily on their way, beating struggling St Mirren 3-0, the goals being provided by Eric Black, Ian Cowans and Billy Stark.

Aberdeen have 44 points and Celtic have 38, but with two matches in hand.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Chesterfield 3, Chester 1, Darlington 2, Exeter 1, Mansfield 2, Hartlepool 0, Northampton 0, Blackpool 1, Peterborough 0, Port Vale 0, Rochdale 1, Crewe 3, Scunthorpe 2, Bury 2, Southend 1, Aldershot 0, Torquay 1, Tranmere 1, Wrexham 1, Hereford 1, Halifax 0, Colchester 0, Stockport 2, Swindon 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 3, St Mirren 0, Dundee United 0, Celtic 0, Hibernian 0, Dundee 1, Morton 0, Hearts 1, Rangers 3, Dumbarton 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Airdrieonians 2, Falkirk 1, Ayr 1, Motherwell 2, Raith 1, Kilmarnock 1, Clydebank 2, Clyde 0, East Fife 1, Meadowbank 0, Hamilton 0, Forfar 1, Partick 6, St Johnstone 2.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Dunfermline 1, Cowdenbeath 2, East Stirling 2, Raith 1, Montrose 3, Arbroath 0, Queen's Park 0, Queen of the South 2, Stenhousemuir 2, Albion 1, Stirling 2, Alloa 3, Stranraer 1, Berwick 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Arsenal 2, West Ham 1, Aston Villa 0, Leicester 1, Ipswich 2, Chelsea 0, Liverpool 1, Nottingham Forest 0, Luton 2, Sunderland 1, Manchester United 1, Everton 1, Newcastle 3, Watford 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2, Norwich 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1, Coventry 0, Southampton 4, West Bromwich 3, Stoke 0, Tottenham 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Blackburn 0, Manchester City 1, Brighton 1, Shrewsbury 0, Charlton 5, Barnsley 3, Fulham 2, Crystal Palace 2, Grimsby 6, Cardiff 3, Huddersfield 2, Carlisle 0, Middlesbrough 0, Leeds 0, Notts County 0, Oldham 0, Oxford 0, Birmingham 3, Wimbledon 5, Sheffield United 0, Wolverhampton 0, Portsmouth 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Bolton 1, Burnley 3, Bradford 1, Gillingham 1, Bristol City 0, Millwall 1, Derby 1, Rotherham 1, Hull 2, Bristol Rovers 0, Newport 1, Walsall 2, Orient 1, Plymouth 0, Doncaster 1, Preston 2, Bournemouth 1, Reading 1, Lincoln 1, York 1, Brentford 0, Swansea 2, Cambridge 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	27	17	5	5	60	31	56
Tottenham	27	16	6	5	53	27	54
Man. United	28	14	7	7	51	32	49
Liverpool	28	13	9	6	40	23	48
Sheffield Wed.	27	12	10	5	42	26	46
Arsenal	28	14	4	10	48	37	46
Southampton	28	13	7	8	38	33	46
Notts Forest	27	14	3	10	41	35	45
Chelsea	28	10	10	8	42	33	40
Aston Villa	27	10	7	10	38	41	37
Norwich	27	10	7	10	33	37	37
Newcastle	29	9	9	11	43	53	36
West Bromwich	28	10	5	13	40	43	35
QPR	29	8	11	10	35	47	35
Leicester	27	9	6	12	45	48	33
West Ham	26	8	10	10	33	39	32
Watford	26	7	9	10	47	50	30
Sunderland	27	8	5	14	31	39	29
Coventry	28	8	4	16	28	48	28
Ipswich	25	6	7	12	24	35	25
Luton	26	6	7	13	31	47	25
Stoke	27	2	6	19	17	56	12

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester City	29	16	7	6	46	24	55
Blackburn	28	15	8	5	51	27	53
Birmingham	26	16	4	6	37	22	52
Oxford	26	15	5	6	53	24	50
Leeds	29	13	8	8	49	32	47
Portsmouth	28	12	11	5	46	36	47
Fulham	29	14	4	11	52	50	46
Brighton	28	13	6	9	30	22	45
Grimsby	28	13	5	10	55	45	44
Huddersfield	28	13	5	10	39	38	44
Barnsley	27	11	10	6	33	25	43
Shrewsbury	27	11	8	8	47	38	41
Wimbledon	27	11	5	11	53	52	38
Sheff. United	29	8	10	11	44	48	34
Carlisle	29	9	5	25	32	47	32
Oldham	29	8	6	15	29	53	30
Crystal Palace	27	6	9	12	31	45	27
Middlesbrough	30	6	8	16	32	46	26
Wolves	28	6	7	15	30	52	25
Notts County	29	5	6	18	23	54	21
Cardiff	28	5	5	18	31	59	20

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	30	19	6	5	49	26	63
Gillingham	28	16	5	7	49	40	53
Millwall	28	15	7	6	47	28	52
Hull	30	14	10	6	46	31	52
Rotherham	30	15	7	8	43	34	52
Bristol City	30	14	6	10	47	36	48
York	30	14	5	11	50	38	47
Bournemouth	32	13	7	12	32	30	46
Walsall	27	12	9	6	39	30	45
Bristol Rovers	29	13	6	10	42	36	45
Reading	28	13	6	9	46	41	45
Doncaster	29	12	5	12	49	45	41
Derby	29	11	7	11	42	40	40
Bolton	31	11	4	16	46	44	37
Wigan	29	9	10	10	31	36	37
Newport	28	9	8	11	35	38	35
Plymouth	29	9	8	12	42	48	35
Brentford	30	9	8	13	37	45	35
Lincoln	27	8	10	9	32	27	34
Burnley	28	8	8	12	43	44	32
Preston	29	8	4	17	36	66	28
Swansea	30	6	8	16	33	55	26
Orient	30	7	5	18	32	55	26
Cambridge	29	3	5	21	24	59	14

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	28	20	4	4	64	21	44
Celtic	26	16	6	4	56	22	38
Rangers	28	11	6	11	36	26	33
Dundee United	26	13	6	7	44	25	32
Hearts	27	12	4	11	37	41	28
St Mirren	28	12	4	12	32	42	28
Dundee	27	10	6	11	37	37	26
Hibernian	28	6	5	17	29	48	17
Dumbarton	27	5	7	15	27	47	17
Morton	27	1	1	22	22	75	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	28	14	9	5	41	26	37
Motherwell	29	15	6	8	46	32	36
Airdrie	27	15	5	7	50	30	35
Forfar	27	11	9	7	42	34	31
Brechin	29	13	5	11	40	41	31
Hamilton	29	12	7	10	35	36	31
East Fife	29	13	10	7	37	30	30
Falkirk	29	10	4	11	51	48	30
Glyde	29	10	10	9	37	36	30
Partick	27	8	7	12	35	39	23
Kilmarnock	28	8	6	15	36	45	22
Meadowbank	29	7	8	13	26	46	22
St Johnstone	29	5	10	14	34	50	20
	28	7	4	17	39	57	18

UK Scene

PAUL BOUNCES BACK

DEFENDER Paul Price thought his career in big-time football was over some eight months ago. That's when he left for America to play for Minnesota Kicks after being given his release by Spurs.

The USA soccer depression ended Price's hopes in that country, so he returned to England

at Christmas with no club and no job. Desperate Swansea City signed him up on a month-to-month basis and, in Paul's first five games, were undefeated.

Now he is getting his due reward. Swansea have handed Price a new contract and Wales have recalled him to their international squad.



WADDLE COPS HATE MAIL

CHRIS WADDLE of Newcastle United is being tipped as England's next great soccer star.

So Newcastle fans are very unhappy about Waddle's apparent eagerness to leave the club for bigger wages somewhere else.

Newcastle is an area of high unemployment and the coalminers' strike has brought great hardship to thousands of families in the district.

Now Waddle has received angry letters from many fans who label him ungrateful and a prima donna.

"I was amazed and hurt when I discovered what some of the fans thought of me," said Waddle.

"I know their money at the turnstiles helps pay my wages but it's not my fault if they are out of work. Your wife and family must take first priority. You have to try and look after their future."

CROWD STAYS HOME

PEOPLE opposed to "live" TV of English matches — and there are plenty — were given ammunition for their cause when Liverpool played their glamour FA Cup-tie against Spurs at Anfield.

It was one of the top matches of the year in Britain, an automatic sell-out under normal circumstances.

But once it was known the TV cameras would operate, the crowd did not materialise.

Instead of a 46,000 full house, the official attendance was only 27,905.

TONY'S HAPPY

ALL the big clubs are chasing Gillingham's giant centre-forward Tony Cascarino, but he's content to stay with the Third Division outfit.

At 6ft 3ins, Cascarino is an imposing figure.

He is Gillingham's leading goalscorer which is why Leeds, Coventry and Newcastle United want to buy him.

The 22-year-old gave up his job as a hairdresser so he could concentrate on football.

Cascarino believes in club loyalty. He said: "I am flattered the important clubs want me but the Gillingham manager wants me to stay and that is very important."

ENGLAND HOPES SLIM

IF UEFA decide to allocate the 1988 European Championship to West Germany — as seems likely — it will mean a serious loss of income for the other big bidders, England.

The English FA reckon they could pull in at least \$10 million from hosting and Championship.

They have sound credentials to stage the soccer spectacular, particularly as England has not hosted an international competition since the 1966 World

Cup.

But the word going around is that the bosses of European football are frightened to take the big event to England in view of the shocking behaviour record of English spectators.

A decision is expected in Lisbon on March 15.

CROCK IS SELECTED

THERE were red faces at the English FA when it was discovered that Fulham forward Dean Coney was so badly injured he couldn't play again this season.

England selected the badly-injured star to play in an Under 21 international against Israel in Tel Aviv.

When Coney heard he was in the squad, he

commented: "Someone must be joking. I've been told to put my feet up and I'm not expected to play again this season. The news was well known."

"I thought international managers usually checked injury situations."

Coney has been confined to his home for a fortnight and cannot even walk down the road to buy a paper.

HARSH WORDS WORK

DAVE SPEEDIE (pictured) of Chelsea was not exactly handed any compliments by team manager John Neal last November.

Neal told his player: "You've scored one goal in 15 games. That's rubbish. And you call yourself a striker!"

Suitably chastised, Speedie obliged with another goal in his next game and since then has been scoring like a hero, averaging a goal a match.

"I thought the boss was picking on me when he read the riot act," said Speedie, "but now I realise he was only telling the truth."



□ MO JOHNSTON on the ball for Scotland in last week's World Cup match against Spain.

FAMILY FEUD

MO JOHNSTON's parents in Glasgow are very unhappy about their famous Celtic goalscoring son.

In a remarkable interview in a London newspaper, Mrs Johnston said: "As far as I'm concerned, he is no longer my son."

"We were very proud when he played in the Cup Final for Watford last year but since he came back to Scotland he hasn't been the same boy."

"He has become so big-headed, I don't think he would be able to get in the door anymore."

"He sold a Honda car he had at Watford and bought a flashy white Porsche. Then he bought a big house and moved in with his girlfriend."

Obviously none of this affluent life-style pleases Mo's mum, who says she has not spoken to her soccer star son for two months.